

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students have certain legal rights under federal/state constitutions and statutes as interpreted in pertinent court decisions. In connection with these rights are responsibilities that must be assumed by students. Among these rights and responsibilities are the following:

- A. Civil rights, including the right to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
- B. The right to attend free public schools in accordance with provisions of Maine statutes and policies of the School Board; the responsibility to attend school as required by law;
- C. The right to due process with respect to suspension, expulsion, or an administrative decision that a student believes has infringed upon his/her rights; the responsibility to observe school rules and regulations essential for permitting others to learn at school;
- D. The right to free inquiry and expression and to voice grievances; the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights and to express themselves in a manner that does not materially or substantially disrupt the operation of the school or conflict with the school's basic educational mission;
- E. The right to privacy regarding the content of student records—as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act—and the right to dress as he/she pleases as defined in school handbook related to health, safety, and the avoiding of potential disruption; and
- F. The right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures; the responsibility to comply with school rules and policies.

This School Board policy is designed for educational and informational purposes and is not intended to create, expand, or restrict any student rights or responsibilities.

Cross Reference: JIC - Student Conduct
JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
JK - Student Discipline

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