

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 is the expectation that students will demonstrate ethical and responsible behavior. Among these student rights are:

- A. The right to equal educational and extracurricular opportunity;
- B. The right to freedom from discrimination and harassment because of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry or national origin, or disability; the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
- C. The right to attend free public schools in accordance with provisions of Maine statutes and policies of the Board; the responsibility to attend school as required by law;
- D. The right to due process with respect to suspension, expulsion, or an administrative decision which a student believes has injured his/her rights; the responsibility to observe school rules and regulations essential for permitting others to learn at school;
- E. 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;
- F. The right to privacy regarding the content of student records, as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act;
- G. The right to dress as he/she wishes within reasonable guidelines related to health, safety, and the avoidance of potential disruption;
- H. The right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures; the responsibility to comply with school rules and policies; and
- I. The right to access school rules and when necessary, an explanation of these rules from school personnel.

The Board has the authority to make or delegate authority to its staff to make rules and regulations regarding the orderly operation of the schools.

This policy shall be included in school handbooks or otherwise communicated to students and parents at the beginning of each school year. The Board expects all students and staff to abide by this policy in order to most effectively achieve mutual respect of rights and the acceptance of responsibility.

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

Legal Reference: 18 USC § 921
 20 USC § 8921
 20 USC § 1232g
 34 CFR Part 99
 Titles VI, IX
 20-A MRSA § 254, 1001(15)

20-A MRSA § 1001(9-A)
20-A MRSA § 5401
20-A MRSA § 6001
20-A MRSA § 6553
Me. DOE Rules Ch. 101 § 15
Me. DOE Rules Ch. 125 § 10.05
Fed. P.L. 103 – 227
SEC 504
IDEA
ADA
EEOC Guidelines

Cross Reference: AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students: School
Harassment and Discrimination Policy
ACAD - Hazing
JIC - Student Conduct
JICA – Student Dress
JICC – Student Conduct on Buses (K – 12)
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
JK - Student Discipline
JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities
JRA – Student Educational Records
Raymond School District Student Code of Conduct

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