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Purpose

This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights and responsibilities are determined, consistent with law and regulations.

Authority

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of District students. At the same time, no student shall be deprived of equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, and free expression and association, in accordance with Board policy and school rules. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Surveys conducted by outside agencies, organizations and individuals shall be approved by the Board, based on the Superintendent's recommendation, prior to administration to students.

Guidelines

Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others; obedience to properly constituted school authority; and compliance with the policy, rules and regulations of this District. [\[3\]](#)

Each student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years shall assume full responsibility for

his/her performance in school, attendance, and compliance with school rules and regulations. The parents of each student reaching the age of eighteen (18) shall be informed of the student's rights.

Instructional Materials

Parents shall be notified annually that all instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, audiovisuals, or other supplementary instructional material, used in the instructional program, shall be available for inspection by the parents of students, in accordance with Board policy. Instructional materials do not include tests or academic assessments.[4]

Student Responsibilities

1. Be aware of all rules and regulations and conduct themselves in accord with them. Students should assume that until a rule is waived, altered, or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
2. Be willing to volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property and private property within the school.
3. Dress and groom themselves so as to meet fair standards of safety and health.[5]
4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
5. Be aware of and comply with state and local laws.
6. Exercise proper care when using public or private facilities and equipment. The cost of school property destruction or defacement by a student will be charged directly to the student and parents of the student. Other penalties may be assessed by the school administration or by law.
7. Attend school daily, except when excused. Upon return to school following an absence, the student shall bring a written excuse signed by the parent or guardian indicating the reason for absence.[6]
8. Be on time at all classes and other school functions. Every effort must be made to develop the habit of punctuality. Pupils should be helped to see the importance of responsibility for promptness.
9. Make all necessary arrangements for making up work when absent from school.
10. Pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the courses of study prescribed by state and local school authorities.
11. Avoid inaccuracies in student newspapers or publications and indecent or obscene language. A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years possesses the full rights of an adult and may authorize those school matters previously handled by parents.

Surveys/Evaluations

All surveys and instruments used to collect information from students shall relate to the District's educational objectives.

Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party prior to

administration or distribution to a student. Such requests shall be in writing and submitted to the building principal.[\[Z\]](#)

No student shall be required, without written parental consent for students under eighteen (18) years of age or written consent of emancipated students or those over eighteen (18) years, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:[\[Z\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

1. Political affiliations.
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or family.
3. Sexual behavior and attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally recognized privileged and comparable relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents.
8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

However, such survey, analysis or evaluation may be conducted on a wholly voluntary basis, provided that the student and parent have been notified of their rights and of their right to inspect all related materials and to opt the student out of participation.

The District shall implement procedures to protect student identity and privacy when a survey contains any of the restricted subject areas listed above.

Collection of Information for Marketing

Parents have the right to inspect the material and opt out the student from participating in any activity that results in the collection, disclosure or use of personal information for purposes of marketing or selling that information. This does not apply to the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for or to students.[\[Z\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and promulgate procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly described.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents concerning:[\[Z\]](#)

1. Contents of this policy and its availability.
2. Approximate dates that any surveys requesting personal information may be scheduled.
3. Procedures to request access to survey instruments prior to administration.

4. Procedures for opting students out of participation in surveys.

Definition

Personal information means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent's name, address, telephone number, or social security number.