

Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

This Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities serves as a guide for students as they learn and grow through the School's educational process. Rights are given according to the student's maturity and to the extent the rights do not interfere with the student's responsibilities.

Right to be Respected

- Each student has a right to be treated equally and fairly.
- All individuals have a right to be respected, accepted, and heard. Students, staff, teachers, and administrators will be respectful in their actions and thoughts.
- Each student has a right to learn in a safe environment. The learning environment will be free of verbal and physical threats, harassment, and intimidation and bullying. No individual may commit, encourage, or assist in such acts. *Such Rights are further elaborated in Policy 4103, Harassment and Sexual Harassment and 4104, Policy on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.*

Right to Learn

- Students shall have the responsibility to learn and to respect the rights of others to learn.
- Each student has a right to ask questions so long as the questions are presented respectfully and pertain to the lesson.
- Students shall respect the rights of others to teach.
- Each student has a right to a productive, disruptive-free learning environment. To ensure this, students must dress, behave, and act accordingly.

Student Discipline

- Each student has the right to access and understand the rules and behaviors to which they are subjected before they are punished.

Expression & Communication

- Each student has a right express differing viewpoints and to disagree with statements and policies. However such expression must be done respectfully and without disrupting class. In doing so, student must recognize and respect the rights of others. See Policy 4450, Student Symbolic Expression.

Property

- Each student has a right to own and possess his or her property. All searches and seizures must be done in accordance with the School's Policy **4490**, Search and Seizure. All property must be treated with respect.