

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students, as citizens of the United States, are guaranteed certain individual rights and have corresponding individual responsibilities. While student rights in most cases are specific, student responsibilities are implied. The word responsibility”, in this context refers mainly to the individual’s obligation to others within his society, because, in order for an individual to preserve his rights, each must take upon himself a sense of responsibility toward the preservation of the rights of others.

The concept of balancing the rights of the individual with the rights of society is as valid in the educational community as in the larger community. Responsibilities then become the foundation upon which individual rights become meaningful and effective. If one were to enumerate the various responsibilities incumbent upon students, the list would be endless. However, within a school setting and in society there are certain special responsibilities required of a citizen who is a student in school that are of vital significance.

Each student has the responsibility to:

1. Become informed of and adhere to reasonable rules and regulations established by local boards of education and implemented by school administrators and teachers.

2. Respect the human dignity and worth of every other individual.
3. Refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and unnecessary obscenity in verbal and written expression.
4. Study diligently and maintain the best possible level of academic achievement.
5. Be punctual and present in the regular school program to the best of his ability.
6. Dress and groom in a manner that meets reasonable standards of health, cleanliness, and ~safety.
7. Help maintain and improve the school environment, preserve school property and exercise the utmost care while using school facilities.
8. Refrain from gross disobedience, misconduct, or behavior that disrupts the educational process.
9. Respect the reasonable exercise of authority by school administrators and teachers in maintaining discipline in the school and at school sponsored activities.
10. Continue or become actively involved in one's education, understanding of people and preparation for adult life.