

STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS

The Board recognizes that students possess not only the right to an education but the rights of citizenship as well. The School Board recognizes that students possess not only the right to an education but the rights of citizenship as well. Federal and State law prohibit the Board from adopting any policy or rule, or from entering into any agreement, that infringes upon or waives the rights of freedoms afforded to students by the United States Constitution.

In providing students the opportunity for an education to which they are entitled, the District shall attempt to offer nurture, counsel, and custodial care appropriate to their age and maturity. The District shall, at the same time, guarantee that no student is deprived of the basic right to equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, free expression and association, and the privacy of his/her own thoughts.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO OPTIONS:

[Option 1]

- Parents, or eligible students, may be accompanied by another adult of their choice at any meeting with District personnel.

[End of Option 1]

[Option 2]

- Parents, or eligible students, may be accompanied by another adult of their choice at any meeting with District personnel pertaining to their child's, or their own, educational environment, placement, or discipline.

[End of Option 2]

District personnel will not object to the attendance of such adult or discourage or attempt to discourage through any action, statement, or other means, parents or an eligible student, from inviting another person of their choice to attend any meeting. Parents, eligible students, or other individuals invited to attend such meetings by parents or eligible students on school grounds shall sign-in at the front office of such school as a guest.

Parents, or eligible students, and District personnel shall sign Form 5780 F1 at the meeting's conclusion which states whether or not any District personnel have prohibited, discouraged or attempted to discourage the parents, or eligible student,

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from inviting a person of their choice to the meeting pertaining to their child's, or their own, educational environment, placement, or discipline.

Attendant to the rights guaranteed to each student, however, are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others, obedience to properly constituted school authority, and compliance with the procedures and rules of the District.

- [X] The Board realizes that as students differ in age and maturity, so they differ in ability to handle both the rights of citizens and the concomitant responsibilities. The exercise of each right shall be granted, therefore, with due regard for the degree of responsibility possessed by the student and the student's need for the continuing guidance and control of those responsible for his/her education.

Since a student who has reached the age of majority possesses the full rights of an adult, s/he may authorize those school matters previously handled by his/her parents, but s/he also assumes the responsibility for his/her performance in school, attendance, and compliance with school rules.

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