

## **Students**

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

The School Board, in support of the aims of public education, believes that behavior of students attending public schools shall reflect standards of good citizenship demanded of members of a democratic society. Self-discipline (responsibility for one's actions) is one of the important ultimate goals of education. The School Board believes also that, while education is a right of American youth, it is not an absolute right; it is qualified first by eligibility requirements. Our courts speak of education as a limited right or a privilege. That is, students who fail to perform those duties required of them upon attendance in public school may be excluded from the school.

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. These rights include the right to voluntarily engage in individually initiated, non-disruptive prayer that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, is not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7904.  
105 ILCS 20/5.  
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Discipline)

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