

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

Rights imply corresponding responsibilities. Exercise of an individual's rights may not infringe upon the rights of any community member or the community as a whole. Procedures may vary by school but shall adhere to District policies.

Students shall have the right to:

- Full participation in all school programs and activities unless suspended in accordance with due process
- Confidentiality of information in accordance with School Committee policy
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of inquiry and expression within the guidelines of the Code of Conduct
- Just enforcement of disciplinary standards
- Due process in the implementation of disciplinary actions
- A safe and orderly school environment with an atmosphere conducive to learning
- A workplace free from harassment
- Use of personal standards of dress and grooming within the guidelines established in the school handbook
- Act to prevent personal injury using ~~only as much force as is necessary~~ appropriate de-escalation strategies and other restraint training techniques as trained, until a staff member can assist
- Be held personally accountable only for his/her own actions

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