

**STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT /
INTIMIDATION / BULLYING****STUDENT RIGHTS, PROTECTIONS, AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

All students are entitled to enjoy the basic rights of citizenship that are recognized and protected by laws of this country and state for persons of their age and maturity. Each student is obligated to respect the rights of classmates, teachers, and other school personnel. District schools shall foster a climate of mutual respect for the rights of others. Such environment will enhance both the educational purpose for which the District exists and the educational program designed to achieve that purpose.

All District personnel shall recognize and respect the rights of students, just as all students shall exercise their rights responsibly, with due regard for the equal rights of others and in compliance with the rules and regulations established for the orderly conduct of the educational mission of the District. Students who violate the rights of others or who violate rules and regulations of the District or of their school are subject to appropriate disciplinary measures designed to correct their own misconduct and to promote adherence by them and by other students to the responsibilities of citizens in the school community.

The following basic guidelines of rights and responsibilities shall not be construed to be all-inclusive, nor shall it in any way diminish the legal authority of school officials and the Governing Board to deal with disruptive students.

Rights:

- Students have the right to a meaningful education that will be of value to them for the rest of their lives.
- Students have the right to a meaningful curriculum and the right to voice their opinions, through representatives of the student government, in the development of such a curriculum.
- Students have the right to physical safety, safe buildings, and sanitary facilities.
- Students have the right to consultation with teachers, counselors, administrators, and anyone else connected with the school if they so desire, without fear of reprisal.
- Students have the right to free elections of their peers in student

government, and all students have the right to seek and hold office in accordance with the provisions of the student government constitution and in keeping with the extracurricular guidelines of the District.

- Students have the right to be made aware of administrative and/or faculty committee decisions and to be aware of the policies set forth by the Governing Board and school.
- Legal guardians or authorized representatives have the right to see the personal files, cumulative folders, or transcripts of their children who are under the age of eighteen (18) years. School authorities may determine the time and manner of presentation of this information.
- Students' academic performance shall be the prime criterion for academic grades; however, noncompliance with school rules and regulations may affect grades (e.g., unexcused absences).
- Students shall not be subjected to unreasonable or excessive punishment.
- Students have the right to be involved in school activities provided they meet the reasonable qualifications of sponsoring organizations, state organizations, and school regulations.
- Students have the right to express their viewpoints in accordance with District Policy JICEC - Freedom of Expression.
- Married students share these rights and responsibilities, including the opportunity to participate in the full range of activities offered by the school, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the school.
- Students may present a complaint or grievance in accordance to Policy JII regarding one (1) or more of the following: violation of the student's constitutional rights; denial of an equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity for which the student qualifies not related to the student's individual capabilities; discriminatory treatment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability; harassment of the student by another person; intimidation by another person; bullying by another person; or concern for the student's personal safety.
- A student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense on school grounds be allowed to attend another school within the district if possible. The District will be responsible for implementing individual transfer options for victims as requested. The definition of "violent criminal offense" and "victim" are based upon Title 13 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS).

Protections

Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports and practices will be utilized to maintain

a safe and positive school culture within the District. All students and staff will be trained yearly on District policy and school procedures to establish and reinforce clear expectations and accountability of all students. Students will be given a copy of District and school rules in the student handbook. Parents and students will notify building school administrator of any additional safety or legal concerns as they arise to ensure safety of all.

Support Services available to students in need may include but are not limited to the following:

- School Counselor
- School Psychologist
- School Health Office
- Student Assistance Program
- Peer Mediation Program
- Tiered Behavioral Intervention Support
- Referral to Community Agency
- Parenting Classes
- Substance Abuse Classes
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Training

Please contact your building administration for support services referral.