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## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### - POLICY -

#### 1. RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Board of Education wishes to place on record its awareness of the rights of the child as embodied in the ten articles of the United Nations' Declaration of Rights of the Child. Specifically, the Declaration states that every child has the right to:

- affection, love, understanding, and full and harmonious development of his/her personality;
- education, which shall be free and compulsory, and which will enable him/her to develop his/her abilities, individual judgement and sense of moral and social responsibility, and help him/her to become a useful member of society;
- special protection that will provide opportunities and facilities to enable him/her to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, and socially in a healthy and normal manner under conditions of freedom and dignity;
- protection against neglect, cruelty and exploitation in any form;
- a name and a nationality;
- adequate nutrition, housing, medical care and recreation;
- first consideration to receive relief in times of disaster;
- an upbringing in a spirit of universal values of humanity;
- special treatment, education and care (if required) as a result of physical, mental or social handicaps;
- all the rights set forth in the declaration regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

## 2. STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education expects all students to act responsibly at all times and to show respect for (and to conform with) all policies, regulations, rules of conduct and behavior as established by the Board or its officers through its policies and procedures.

The Board further believes that students have rights which should be recognized and respected. It also believes that every right carries with it certain responsibilities.

Students have the right to an educational program and the responsibility to put forth their best efforts during the educational process.

Students have the right to expect a commitment from school personnel to provide that education; students have the responsibility to respect the rights of other students and all persons involved in the educational process.