

## STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Student Rights:

Students do have rights as determined under Chapter 12 of the Pennsylvania School Code. They have legal rights as persons and citizens not to be deprived of what the law gives them. These rights include the right to an education, the right to express their opinions, and the right to be free from discrimination. They also have rights as persons and participants in the educational community. These rights include the right to be treated with dignity by other participants and the right to contribute to the educational process.

### Student Responsibilities:

Student responsibilities include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and conformance to school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the faculty and administration a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living. Minors are compelled by law to attend school until they are 17 years of age. School personnel and parents should encourage students to attend at all times.

No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of all who are involved in the educational process.

Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner so as not to offend or slander others.

### Students Will:

1. Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and to conduct oneself in accordance with them.
2. Be willing to volunteer information in disciplinary cases and cooperate with school officials should the students have any knowledge in relation to such cases.
3. Dress and groom oneself so as to meet fair standards of safety and health, and common standards of decency as outlined in the school dress code.
4. Assume that until a rule is waived, altered or repealed it is in full effect.
5. Assist the school staff in managing a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
6. Be aware of and comply with state and local laws.
7. Protect and care for school property.
8. Attend school daily, except when excused, and be on time for classes and other school functions.
9. Make all necessary arrangements for making up work when absent from school.
10. Pursue and attempt to complete the course of study prescribed by state and local school authorities.
11. Refrain from using disrespectful, indecent or obscene gestures or language.