

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

9029

Relates to: Policy 9041, 9028, 9068

Students have the following rights:

1. The right to an appropriate public education until they have completed a 12-year program or reached their 21st birthday, which right will not be taken away without due process as guaranteed in the United State Constitution.
2. The right to academic grades based on academic performance.
3. The right to be notified of regulations and policies that pertain to their public-school experiences.
4. The right to confidentiality of and access to student records.
5. The right to access to appropriate services for all student with disabilities.
6. The right to freedom of religious expression that does not interfere with the rights of others or the orderly operation of the school.
7. The right to be free from abuse, harassment and discrimination.
8. The right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.
9. The right to due process for an appeal from any action taken under the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline. Appeals shall be made pursuant to Board Policy 9068.
10. The right to free student elections for organizations within the school.
11. The right to present complaints and grievances to proper school authorities and to receive replies from school officials regarding the disposition of their complaints and grievances.

Students have the following responsibilities:

1. To become familiar with and to put into practice the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.
2. To be accountable for his/her own conduct and for showing consideration for the rights and property of others.
3. To practice appropriate personal dress and hygiene.
4. To refrain from fighting; creating disturbances or excessive noise; using abusive language; denying others the use of school facilities or buildings; using or carrying any weapon, dangerous instruments, fireworks and other incendiary devices on school premises or at school activities; intentionally injuring another person or exposing others to harm; or, directing threats, intimidation or harassment against any other person.
5. To refrain from solicitation, gambling, extortion, theft, or any other unlawful activity.
6. To refrain from possession, use or distribution of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal or controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or other unauthorized drugs.
7. To show respect for the education process by taking advantage of every opportunity to further his/her education.
8. To show respect for the education process and learning environment by refraining from intentional or habitual tardiness or unexcused absence.
9. To practice self-control at all times.
10. To care for the equipment and physical facilities of the school by refraining from willful destruction and damage.
11. To follow the rules and regulations of the Board, the school rules, policies and procedures, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States.
12. To be truthful when appropriately questioned by school personnel about incidents concerning school.