

## **PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**Purpose:** To establish the board's vision for the rights and responsibilities of the parents of the district's students.

The board has adopted the following statement on the rights and responsibilities of parents/legal guardians to describe the role of the parent and the role of the school in supporting a successful school experience for each child as well as establishing and maintaining a parent-friendly school setting.

For purposes of this policy, the term "parent" refers to custodial and non-custodial parents.

Every parent/legal guardian has the following rights.

- to be treated with courtesy by all members of the school staff
- to be respected as an individual regardless of race, creed, national origin, economic status, sex or age
- to secure as much help as is available from the school district to further the progress and improvement of his/her child
- to receive reasonable protection for his/her child from physical harm while under school authority
- to organize and participate in organizations for parents
- to participate in his/her child's school activities (unless prohibited by court order)

### *Special education*

- to be informed of all programs in special education
- to appeal the placement, in accordance with established guidelines, of his/her child in a special education class
- to be designated as the educational representative for an adult student with a disability by the adult student once the student reaches the age of 18 and is accorded all rights to make his/her educational decisions or to be designated as the educational representative by the district if the adult student is incapable of communicating in accordance with state law.

### *Receiving information*

- to be informed of academic requirements of any school program
- to be informed of school policies and administrative decisions
- to be informed of procedures of seeking changes in school policies and for appealing administrative decisions
- to expect that school personnel will make reasonable attempts to ensure that parents/legal guardians receive important school news and messages
- to be informed of education and cultural programs available to public school children

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### *Conferences*

- to participate in meaningful parent-teacher conferences to discuss his/her child's school progress and welfare

### *Records*

- to inspect his/her child's cumulative record in conformity with current guidelines established by state and federal governments

Every parent/legal guardian has the following responsibilities:

- to make reasonable effort to provide for the physical needs of the child
- to prepare the child emotionally and socially to make the child receptive to learning and discipline
- to hold high expectations for academic achievement
- to expect and communicate expectations for success
- to recognize that parental involvement in middle and high school is equally as critical as in elementary school
- to ensure attendance and punctuality
- to attend parent-teacher conferences
- to monitor and check homework
- to communicate with the school teachers
- to build partnerships with teachers to promote successful school experiences
- to attend, when possible, school events
- to model desirable behaviors
- to use encouraging words
- to stimulate thought and curiosity
- to show support for school expectations and efforts to increase student learning
- to encourage appropriate behavior at school and during school-sponsored events

(Cf. KAA)

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### Legal references:

- A. United States Code, Annotated:
  1. Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended – The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act {20 U.S.C. 1232 (g)}
- B. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended:
  1. Section 20-7-100 – Parental right to participate in child's school activities unless prohibited by court order.

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2. Sections 59-28-100 through 59-28-220 – Parental Involvement in Their Children’s Education Act.
3. Section 59-33-310, et seq. – Adult Students with Disabilities Educational rights and Consent Act.
4. Section 59-59-10, et seq. – South Carolina Education and Economic Development Act.