STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

POLICY:

The mission of the District is to provide learning experiences which will enable all students to develop skills, competencies and attitudes that are fundamental to an individual's becoming a responsible, contributing citizen.

To this end, it shall be the responsibility of the District to assure students certain fundamental rights which are guaranteed by the constitutions of the State of Washington and the United States.

It shall be the responsibility of each student to diligently pursue his/her course of studies, comply with rules of the District and submit to reasonable corrective action or punishment imposed for violation of those rules.

I. STUDENT RIGHTS

In addition to other rights established by law, each student of the District shall possess the following substantive rights. These rights are subject to the District's authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations designed to maintain the educational process and preserve the health and safety of all participants in that process.

1. No student shall be denied an equal educational opportunity or be discriminated against because of:
   a. National origin
   b. Race
   c. Religion
   d. Economic status
   e. Gender
   f. Pregnancy
   g. Marital status
   h. Previous arrest
   i. Previous incarceration
   j. Physical, mental or sensory disability
2. All students possess the constitutional right to freedom of speech and press, peaceable assembly, petition for redress of grievances, free exercise of religion and to have their schools free from sectarian control or influence, subject to reasonable limitations upon the time, place and manner of exercising such right.

3. All students possess the right to be secure in their persons, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Student lockers, desks and other District-owned storage areas are subject to search, pursuant to law and in accordance with District policies, by responsible District personnel for purposes benefitting the effective and orderly operation of the school or school-related activities.

4. All students shall have the right to be free from unlawful interference in their pursuit of an education while in the custody of the District.

5. No student shall be deprived of the right to an equal educational opportunity in whole or in part without due process of law.

6. No student in a research or experimentation project supported by federal funds shall be required to submit to psychiatric or psychological examination testing or treatment which might reveal specified personal information without prior written parental consent.

7. Students of majority age shall enjoy parental rights regarding issues related to their educational program in the District.

8. Sexual harassment and other forms of harassment are prohibited. Policy and Procedure 5013 apply to such harassment of or by students and should be consulted if you believe you may have been harassed.

II. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Cheney School District expects student conduct that will promote a positive atmosphere for learning, reasonable standards of behavior, effective citizenship and good emotional and physical health. Students under school jurisdiction are required to abide by the rules which have been established to achieve these objectives.
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Students of the District will conduct themselves as responsible members of the school community. This mandates that each student:

a. Obey the law;
b. Respect the rights and privileges of others;
c. Adhere to District policies, rules and regulations and directives (please see School Board Policies and Procedures No. 3122, Student Absences; No. 3207, Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying; No. 3209/5013, Unlawful Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited; No. 3215/4210, Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises; No. 3224, Student Dress; No. 3240, Student Conduct; and No. 3244/4215, Use of Tobacco Products on School Property);
d. Safeguard the property of the school and District.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to accomplish the educational purposes of the District and establish an effective learning environment, the Board has authorized the Superintendent/designee to implement rules, regulations and guidelines covering students' responsibilities and rights. These directives are modified from time to time as newly-emerging laws and circumstances require.

When violations of these rules occur, the school and/or District are authorized to take appropriate action designed to insure more responsible action on the part of the student. When violations of the laws of the United States and the State of Washington and/or its subdivisions are also involved, such matters may be referred to parents/guardians or appropriate civil authorities.

IV. LEGAL BASIS FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The preponderance of rules and regulations that apply to students of the Cheney School District are found in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), particularly Chapter 180-40. In the event that inconsistencies are noted between actions of the Board and the WAC, provisions of the WAC shall prevail.

The enforcement of rules promulgated by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), and like organizations, shall be governed by direction from the State Board of Education.
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V. NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS

Each year the Superintendent/designee shall make available to all students, their parents/guardians and District staff written statements pertaining to student rights, conduct, corrective actions and punishment. Such statements shall have been developed with the participation of parents/guardians and the community.

Parents/guardians and students shall have access to a defined appeal process relating to the content or application of District policies, rules and regulations which govern pupil actions and punish infractions.

The principal and staff of each school shall confer at least annually to develop and/or review student conduct standards and the uniform enforcement of those standards as related to the established written statements.

All students who attend the District's schools shall comply with the written policies, rules and regulations of the schools, shall pursue the required course of studies, and shall submit to the authority of staff of the schools, subject to such corrective action or punishment as the school officials shall determine.

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