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The Bourne School Committee has the responsibility to afford students the rights that are theirs by virtue of guarantees offered under the federal and state constitutions and statutes. In connection with rights, there are responsibilities that must be assumed by students.

Among these rights and responsibilities are the following:

1. Civil rights--including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others.
2. The right to attend free public schools; the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school.
3. The rights to due process of law with respect to suspension, expulsion, and decisions the student believes will injure his/her rights.
4. The right to free inquiry and expression; responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights.
5. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's school records.
6. Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nondiscrimination regulation (7 CFR 15b), as well as the regulations governing the Child Nutrition Programs pertaining to meal modification (7 CFR 210.10 (m), SP59-20 16, and FNS Instruction 113.-1, as amended, substitutions to the regular meal will be made, at no extra cost, for students who are unable to eat meals served in any Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) because of their disabilities. Any student who needs a meal modification for their school breakfast and/or school lunch must have a documented meal plan with the Food Service Director and School Nurse.

It is the School Committee's belief that as part of the educational process students should be made aware of their legal rights and of the legal authority of the School Committee to make, and delegate authority to its staff to make rules regarding the orderly operation of the schools.

Students have the right to know the standards of behavior that are expected of them and the consequences of misbehavior. The rights and responsibilities of students, including standards of conduct, will be made available to students and their parents through handbooks distributed annually.

Policy References:

M.G.L. 71:37H; 71:82 through 71:86

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