

Students

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students may, during the school day, during noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Noninstructional time* means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

Age of Majority

All rights accorded to parent(s)/guardian(s) under the law will transfer to the student when he or she reaches 18 years of age or becomes an emancipated minor. SEDOL shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of such transfer of rights at least one year prior to the date that the child reaches age of majority.

If a student with a disability has been determined to be incompetent under State law, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide the district with a copy of the court order. Additionally, this document should identify the individual designated to represent the student's educational rights.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) retains the right to receive 10-day notice prior to the date of any conference.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. § 7904.
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Cmty. School District, 393 U.S.503 (1969).
105 ILCS 20/5, Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act.

CROSS REF.: 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Discipline)

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