

Student Walkouts and Protests

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Occasionally in our schools, there are calls to action for young people to walk out of school or to participate in other activities in protest.

As a District, we recognize students retain the right to freedom of speech and expression, within certain boundaries, while at school. When there are controversial issues capturing students' attention, we do our best to have discussions with students in a neutral, educational, and age-appropriate manner. If students wish to do more than just have a classroom conversation, they are encouraged to write to their elected officials or to local newspapers, or to participate in activities outside of school hours. If that is not an acceptable option for them, schools will work with them to find a solution that keeps students in class or at least on campus where they can be supervised.

If students do walk out, they and their parent(s)/guardian(s) should know the following:

- Staff members will supervise students who remain on-campus to ensure they are safe.
 - Attendance will be taken throughout each class period, including after the walkout so that we have a record of students who are not in class.
- Students who remain on-campus will not be disciplined for their participation as long as they remain safe, respectful, and responsible, and act in a manner that is not disruptive to the school environment.
- If students leave campus, we will not be able to provide supervision, so it is extremely important that students remain on school grounds.
 - Students at the K-8 level will not be allowed to leave campus unless they have confirmed parental permission in advance to do so.
 - If a student leaves campus, they will need to arrange alternative transportation home as they are unable to return to campus to access school transportation.
- If students do not show up for school or return to class, or if they leave campus, their attendance record will reflect an unexcused absence, which may generate an automated phone call home.

Please discuss this matter with your student(s) in advance so there is a mutual understanding about expectations.

Again, it is our strong desire to work with students and families to ensure that everyone understands our approach to school safety, has their questions answered and their voice heard.

Working together, we can keep our schools safe and secure so students can learn and thrive.

If you have questions, please speak with your school administrator.