

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.17
STUDENT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DISCIPLINE**

(1) The Board believes that student rights should be recognized and respected. It also believes that every right carries with it certain responsibilities. Students have the right to a quality education and the responsibility to put forth their best efforts during the educational process. Students should expect school personnel to be qualified in providing that education. Students have the responsibility to respect the rights of other students and all persons involved in the education process.

(2) If all rights and responsibilities of all individuals are clearly understood, the elements of respect and cooperation shall result in the harmonious and constructive education of the student.

(3) If the policy guidelines adopted by the Board are to be successful, it must be understood that school officials, teachers, and aides have the authority to interpret and apply them in a given situation. Students must obey any such interpretation, subject to an appeal. For example, if a student is wearing a button which the teacher determines is disruptive or obscene, the teacher may order the student to remove the button, and the student must obey. If the student disagrees with the teacher, the student may appeal the matter to the building principal.

Note: In February 1987, the Board adopted revised policy guidelines relating to student rights and responsibilities. These guidelines have been published as a handbook and spell out for students and their parents the state and School Board requirements regarding school attendance, absences and truancy, residency requirements, procedures for school transfers, and school disciplinary policies and procedures. The statements above contain the Board's general statement on student rights and responsibilities. Excerpts from the 1975 student rights and responsibilities document have also been coded in the categories cross-referenced at the beginning of this policy and appear under these codes in the administrative policy manual.

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Cross Ref.: Admin. Policy

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