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District students are entitled to all the rights afforded them by federal and state constitutions and statutes. The district recognizes all federal, state, and local laws in connection with these rights and reminds students that certain responsibilities accompany these rights.

The district's aim is to provide a quality education in which a student's rights and freedoms are respected, and to provide opportunities which stimulate and challenge the student's interests and abilities to his or her highest potential, and do not infringe upon the rights of others.

It shall be the responsibility of each district student:

1. to be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct;
2. to work to the best of his or her ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible;
3. to conduct himself or herself as a representative of the district when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events and as such hold himself or herself to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship;
4. to seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline procedures;
5. to be in regular attendance at school and in class;
6. to contribute to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning and to show due respect to other persons and to property;
7. to dress in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent;
8. to make constructive contributions to the school, and to report fairly the circumstances of school-related issues;
9. accept responsibility for his or her actions.

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Section 504: Student Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities

In compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADA), the District shall ensure that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the District or those provided by the District through contractual or other arrangements. Programs and activities shall be accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities as prescribed by law.

A qualified individual with disabilities under Section 504 is an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such an impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment.

Major life activities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008, include caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks, learning, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating; and major bodily functions, including but not limited to, functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

The Superintendent will ensure all Section 504-qualified students with disabilities are identified annually. Students will be evaluated by a team of individuals knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data and placement options. Services will be provided as required by law.

The Superintendent will develop administrative regulations as needed for the implementation of this policy and to meet the requirements of state and federal law. Regulations will include provisions to ensure notice of the District's responsibilities are provided as required and that procedures are established for students, parents and staff with complaints concerning District compliance with provisions of the law.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§791, 793-794 (2006), (34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 104)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12101-12212; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 2008

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