

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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| 235. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES | |
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| 1. Purpose | This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights are to be determined, consistent with law. |
| 2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.9 | <p>The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of students of the district. At the same time, no student shall be deprived of equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, and free expression and association.</p> <p>Students shall have the right to receive annually, at the opening of school, a publication listing the rules and regulations to which they are subject. These rules shall be developed cooperatively by the faculty and students, approved by the administration, and filed with the Board.</p> <p>Any restrictions on student behavior must be concerned with speech or action which disrupts the work of the school or interferes with the rights of other students.</p> |
| 3. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3 | <p>Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others, obedience to properly constituted school authority, and compliance with the rules and regulations of this district. Students have the further responsibility to behave in a manner appropriate to good citizenship everywhere.</p> <p>A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years possesses the full rights of an adult and may authorize those school matters previously handled by his/her parents/guardians.</p> |
| 4. Delegation of Responsibility | The Superintendent shall develop and promulgate administrative procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly described. |

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| <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.10</p> | <p><u>Flag Salute And Pledge Of Allegiance</u></p> <p>No student shall be required to participate in the salute to the flag of the United States or to recite the Pledge of Allegiance when to do so poses a conflict with the student's personal beliefs or religious convictions.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.9, 12.10</p> |
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