

# **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

POLICY: 235

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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## **235. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Purpose**

This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights and responsibilities are to be determined, consistent with law and regulations.

### **Authority**

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of district students. 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 in accordance with Board policy and school rules.<sup>1</sup>

### **Guidelines**

It shall be the responsibility of the student to:<sup>2</sup>

1. Be aware of all policies, rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct him/herself accordingly. Each student shall assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
2. Volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.
3. Dress and groom to meet standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.
4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school.
5. Comply with federal, state and local laws.

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<sup>1</sup> 24 P.S. 510; 22 Pa. Code. 4.4, 12.1, 12.3-.4, 12.9.

<sup>2</sup> 22 Pa. Code. 12.2.

6. Exercise proper care when using district facilities, school supplies and equipment.
7. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.
8. Make up work when absent from school.
9. Pursue and attempt to satisfactorily complete the courses of study prescribed by local school authorities.
10. Report accurately in student media.
11. Not use obscene language in student media or on school property.

No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators and all others who are involved in the educational process.<sup>3</sup>

Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.<sup>4</sup>

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, consistent with the Code of Student Conduct and Board policy.

A listing of students' rights and responsibilities shall be included in the Code of Student Conduct, which shall be distributed annually to students and parents/guardians.<sup>5</sup>

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.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and promulgate administrative procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly recognized and maintained.

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<sup>3</sup> 22 Pa. Code. 12.2.

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