

## Hamilton County Board of Education

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The Board expects all school staff, students and parents to assume the responsibility for appropriate behaviors in the school.

Each student has the right to:

1. Have the opportunity for a free education in the most appropriate learning environment;
2. Be secure in his/her person, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizure;
3. Expect that the school will be a safe place;
4. Have an appropriate environment conducive to learning;
5. Not be discriminated against on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, religion, national origin or disabilities<sup>1</sup>; and
6. Be fully informed of school rules and regulations.
7. Fair communication with teachers, administration, bus drivers, and other staff; to have a safe and respectful relationship that will nurture their academic process.

Each student has the responsibility to: <sup>2</sup>

1. Attend school daily, be prepared for class, and complete assignments to the best of their ability;
2. Be punctual and present each day of school;
3. Dress and groom in a manner that meets reasonable standards of health, cleanliness, modesty, and safety;
4. Know and adhere to reasonable rules and regulations established by the Board;
5. Respect the human dignity and work of every other individual;
6. Refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and obscenity in verbal and written expression;
7. Study and maintain the best possible level of academic achievement;
8. Know and obey school and bus rules and instructions given by the school principal and staff;
9. Tell school staff about any dangerous behavior or activity that occurs on or off school grounds or on the bus if it may result in disruption to the educational setting;
10. Bring only those materials to school or onto the bus that are allowed;
11. Behave respectfully toward everyone in the school community;
12. Respect the authority of school administrators, teachers and other authorized personnel in maintaining discipline in the school and at school-sponsored activities;
13. Refrain from behavior which would lead to physical or emotional harm or disrupts the educational process;
14. Report when peers are carrying weapons or anything else that may be perceived as a threat. Assist in creating a classroom environment that encourages a sense of learning and support by denouncing offensive and demeaning behavior;
15. Accept responsibility for their actions. Students who feel they have been disciplined unfairly should respectfully approach a staff member to discuss the situation;
16. Maintain and/or improve the school environment, preserve school and private property, and exercise care while using school facilities;
17. Refrain from using loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene gestures, and respect the rights and safety of others;

- 1 18. Follow the law and school rules as to the possession or the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other
- 2 unauthorized substances or materials; and
- 3 19. Possess on school grounds only those materials which are acceptable under the law, Board policy and
- 4 school rules and accept the consequences for articles stored in one's locker or vehicle.
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43 Legal References:

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