

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes differences, disputes and conflicts among students and between students and staff members will occur. The Board also recognizes the individual student's rights and responsibilities must be clearly defined so an orderly process for discussing and resolving these differences may be established.

The student has the right to be respected as an individual, to receive the benefits of all school services, to attend a school which is clean, comfortable, safe and adequately equipped, to have a framework for student government which indicates the areas for involvement, to have access to printed copies of school regulations and to expect rules to be reasonable and consistently applied.

The student is responsible for knowing and complying with school rules, for respecting and submitting to the authority of the school staff, for applying him/herself to the best of his/her ability to the learning tasks assigned, for attending school regularly and punctually and for using school facilities in a way which will conserve continued usefulness.

The Board, therefore, directs the Superintendent of Schools to establish procedures and structures for the protection of the rights of the student within the guidelines within this policy. Such procedures shall allow for the right of appeal, through appropriate channels of contested situations in which the student or parent may feel that their rights have been violated.

The Board has further delegated to the administrative and teaching staffs the responsibility for the administration of the instructional program of the Gibbon Public Schools within the guidelines of the Board and the statutes of the State of Nebraska and the United States.