

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RELIGION

Your Right: The Deerfield Community School District may not interfere with your right to observe any religion by requiring, establishing, or conducting religious exercises for you.

Your Responsibility: You have the responsibility to respect the religious beliefs and observances of others.

SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

Your Right: You have the right to express your views, whether orally or symbolically (through buttons, armbands, symbols on clothing, political salutes, etc.), however, unpopular or critical of school or governmental policy they may be.

Your Responsibility: When expressing yourself, you must do so in a manner that does not “materially or substantially” disrupt the operation of the school.

Your Responsibility: You may not, in expressing yourself, violate another person’s rights by using slanderous speech.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Your Right: Before you may be suspended from school for 15 days or less, the suspending official must:

1. Tell you what rule you have broken, or write it down and give you a copy.
2. Explain to you why he or she believes that you broke the rule if you deny it.
3. Give you the chance to tell your version of what happened.

Your Responsibilities: First of all, you have the responsibility to follow school regulations. The Constitution does not shield you from suspensions “properly imposed” according to the above procedures. Secondly, if your conduct is dangerous to other persons or continually threatens to disrupt school, you may be suspended immediately.

In such cases, a hearing in which the above rules are followed should be given as soon as practicable after you are suspended.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATED SCHOOLS

Your Right: The state or other governmental body may not establish racially segregated schools, thus depriving you of your right to an education, regardless of race.

Noting the above expressed rights and responsibilities, it is also the policy of the Deerfield Community School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular,

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pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation of 1973.