

STUDENT RIGHTS

- Students have the right to be treated equally under school policies and regulations.
- Students have a right to confidentiality.
- Students have the right to a safe environment in which to learn.
- Students have the right to a public education.
- Students have the right to succeed.
- Students have the right to change his/her mind.
- Students have the right to say “no” to negative peer pressure.
- Students have the right to be treated with respect.

Along with these rights also come:

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students have the responsibility to obey school policies and regulations and the school personnel who enforce them.
- Students have the responsibility to respectfully interact with all members of the school community.
- Students have the responsibility to respect school property as well as the property of others.
- Students have the responsibility to conduct themselves in a way that respects the health, safety, and rights of others.
- Students have the responsibility to arrive to school daily and to be prompt.

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Students will:

- Exhibit self-discipline and show respect for teachers, staff members, parents, school volunteers, and fellow students.
- Demonstrate considerate and safe behavior in classrooms, hallways, lavatories, lunchrooms, the playground, buses, and all other school facilities.
- Use respectful language at an appropriate volume level at all times.
- Wear clothing that is presentable and does not interfere with the educational process. Additionally, the attire should not cause damage to school property, present a safety hazard, or offend others.
- Demonstrate responsible and appropriate conduct while participating in or attending school sponsored events regardless of location.
- Be prepared for the day’s work with completed assignments as required.
- Use school property and equipment with care and follow safety procedures.
- Seek teacher, counselor, or medical assistance when necessary.
- Comply with the policy regarding tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and weapons.
- Arrive punctually to school and to class.
- Children will do their own work and give appropriate credit when using research materials.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS

According to NJSA 18A:37-2,

Students will not:

- Use profanity or obscenity.
- Cause damage to school property.
- Be willfully and continuously disobedient.
- Be openly defiant and disrespectful.
- Place the physical well being of others in danger.

Furthermore, students will not:

- Fail to follow school and classroom rules (i.e. running in the halls, throwing objects, fighting, bringing items of distraction to school, gum chewing, wearing hats, coats, etc., in school).
- Bring pagers, cell phones, CD/tape players, radios, laser pointers, toys, and any other electronic devices to school.
- Harass any student verbally, physically, or emotionally; or extort, or cause willful destruction of another person’s property.
- Commit any criminal act.
- Possess matches, lighters, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or any related paraphernalia.
- Possess weapons or anything used as a weapon.
- Use gang related gestures, signs, or clothing.
- Wear clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence, sexist or racial pseudo-humor, or obscene messages.
- Cut scheduled classes or leave the school grounds during the school day without appropriate authorization.
- Cheat or plagiarize.

CONSEQUENCES

Each student is expected to accept the responsibilities and consequences of his/her actions.

Behavior that is disruptive and/or inappropriate to the well being of an individual or a group in a school requires disciplinary measures. Discipline will be developmentally appropriate.

Consequences for failing to demonstrate responsible behavior range from a warning or reprimand to suspension from school. Included within that range of consequences are such behavior control strategies as:

- A verbal warning or reprimand.
- Elimination of certain school privileges.
- The assignment of a written statement of apology.
- Referral to the Principal's office.
- Parent/teacher conferences.
- Lunch detention(s).
- Before-school detention(s).
- After-school detention(s).
- In-School suspension(s).
- Out-of-School suspension(s).
- School expulsion.
- Administrative detention.
- Exclusion from extracurricular activities.
- Referral to outside agencies.

All incidents will be reviewed by the administration and consequences are at the discretion of the school staff and administration.

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Great Meadows Regional School District believes that in order for students to realize their full potential, pupils should know that their attitudes and actions affect both their own and their classmates' learning.

Each student is expected to accept the responsibility of behaving in a manner that will foster a positive school environment.