

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES

ADOPTED: November 3, 1975

REVISED: August 25, 2008; February 8, 2016

<p><i>Replaces former policy 5131</i></p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.1</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">235 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES</p> <p>This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights are to be determined, consistent with law and State Board regulations.</p> <p>The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and department 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.</p> <p>The Southern Lehigh Board of Directors supports the rights of all persons, students as well as adults, in their individual and collective freedom to express views and feelings which also have been recognized by the courts of this nation.</p> <p>The United States Congress has enacted into law protection of the rights and privacy of parents and students. Our children and youth need specific interpretation related to their lawful rights.</p> <p>Professional staff members will serve as advocates, activist, and catalysts for assuring the rights and promoting the acceptance of student responsibilities.</p> <p>Dependent upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include regular attendance; conscientious effort in classroom work and homework; conformance to Board policies and school rules and regulations; respect for the rights of students, teachers, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process; and expression of ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of the student to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Each student shall assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect. 2.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.
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<p>Pol. 221</p>	<p>3. Dress and groom to meet standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.</p> <p>4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school.</p> <p>5. Comply with federal, state and local laws.</p>
<p>Pol. 224</p>	<p>6. Exercise proper care when using district facilities, school supplies and equipment.</p>
<p>Pol. 204</p>	<p>7. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.</p> <p>8. Make up work when absent from school.</p> <p>9. Pursue and attempt to satisfactorily complete the courses of study prescribed by local school authorities.</p>
<p>Pol. 220</p>	<p>10. Report accurately in student media.</p>
<p>Pol. 220</p>	<p>11. Not use obscene language in student media or on school property.</p>
<p>Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, consistent with the Code of Student Conduct and Board policy.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 218 Pol. 221</p>	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly described.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.9</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 130, 204, 218, 218.1, 218.2, 220, 221, 224, 233, 248, 249, 705</p> <p>Renumbered 9/12/07</p>