

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others.

Students may, during the school day, during *noninstructional time*, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Noninstructional time* means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7904.
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
105 ILCS 20/5, Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act.

CROSS REF.: 7.20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7.140 (Search and Seizure), 7.150 (Agency and Law Enforcement Requests), 7.160 (Student Appearance), 7.180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7.190 (Student Behavior), 7.330 (Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access)