



SAINT FRANCIS
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

With every right comes a responsibility – by taking responsibility we all work towards a better world.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

I have a right to be myself and a responsibility to accept others' differences.

Right

- Students have the right to receive a quality education unimpaired because of gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, economic status, any personal characteristics, or any reason not related to their individual capabilities.

Responsibility

- Students have the responsibility to avoid actions or activities, individually or in groups, which shall interfere with the right of any person to an education.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION:

I have a right to be heard and a responsibility to listen to others.

Right

- Every student has the right to form, hold and express his or her own ideas and beliefs. The administration and faculty of each school have the obligation to maintain an environment conducive to the free exchange of ideas and to study and learning.
- Students have the right to express themselves in speech, writing, or symbolism within the boundaries of the law and policies of the school system.

Responsibility

- Students have the responsibility to ensure that such expression does not disrupt the educational process, present safety or health hazards, damage public property, infringe on the rights of other, or violate the law.
- Students are permitted to express themselves, as long as the expression does not disrupt the operation of the school, is not vulgar, obscene, or profane.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

I have a right to use school property and a responsibility to respect it.

Right

- Students have the right to an orderly school and classroom environment which will promote learning for all students.

Responsibility

- Students have the responsibility to ensure that their actions do not disrupt the classroom environment or school activities.
- The student exercising the right to use the resources provided shall also accept the responsibility for the preservation and care of the property.

PRIVACY

Right

- Students are entitled to maintain privacy of personal possessions within certain limits.

Responsibility

- Students have the responsibility not to disturb or endanger themselves, other students, or school personnel by possessing material or objects that are potentially hazardous or prohibited by the school administration.

EDUCATION

I have a right to learn and a responsibility to do my best.

Right

- Students have the right to competent teachers, as determined by the proper administrative authorities, in a learning atmosphere free from turmoil, bias, prejudice, ridicule, and/or unlawful harassment.

Responsibility

- Students have the responsibility to respect the authority and directions of the teacher and to attend and contribute toward the development of a positive climate that is conducive to wholesome learning in the school.
- Students have the responsibility to be prepared for class, to take part in classroom activities, and to complete assignments given by the teacher(s).

COMMUNICATION

I have a right to get help and a responsibility to ask for it.

Right

- Students and parents have a right to a clearly communicated curriculum overview describing what and how they will be assessed each year.
- Students and parents have a right to appropriate feedback and assessment of homework and coursework. Students and parents have a right to information regarding school issues and events.
- Students and parents have a right to respect and courtesy from all members of the school staff.

Responsibility

- Students and parents have a responsibility to attend meetings related to your child's development and learning.
- Students and parents have a responsibility to maintain contact with teachers as necessary, especially with regard to planned absences, administering medication, and any special needs your child may have be they academically or emotionally. *Students and parents have a responsibility to treat teachers and staff with courtesy and respect

FREEDOM FROM HARASSMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION

I have a right to feel safe and a responsibility to look out for others.

Right

- Students have a right to be provided with an atmosphere free from any form of harassment, which includes discrimination, intimidation or bullying and retaliation.

Responsibility

- Students have a responsibility to hold themselves, their peers and other students to the standards established by policy and are encouraged to bring violations to the attention of a teacher.

RULES AGAINST BULLYING:

1. We will not bully others!
2. We will try to help students who are bullied!
3. We will include students who are left out!
4. If we know someone who is being bullied, we will tell an adult!

AIM

To work together and seek ways to counter the effects of bullying to ensure the school is a safe place for all. We take bullying seriously at St. Francis, and incidents of bullying will not be tolerated.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is behavior used by an individual or group that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. It can be short term or long term, and is repeated over time.

Bullying may be related to race, gender, religion, culture, special needs, disability, appearance, health condition, home circumstances or sexism.

Bullying can take place in the classroom, playground, bathrooms, journey to and from school, trips or cyberspace. *(Including all areas of the internet, email and internet chat, Facebook misuse, mobile threats by text messaging and calls, and misuse of associated technology)*