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# 500.1 Student Rights and Responsibilities

### Policy

The Board directs that policies and procedures which protect student rights and enforce student responsibilities be established and that these policies and procedures be implemented and enforced at the Division and school level as required.

## Regulations

- 1. Students shall have the right to:
  - 1.1 the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the Minister;
  - 1.2 an education program consistent with the requirements of the *Education Act* and the *Alberta Regulations*;
  - 1.3 a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;
  - 1.4 be heard by school administrators, teachers, and support staff;
  - 1.5 have access to channels of communication in accordance with policy 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution.
- 2. Students shall have the responsibility to:
  - 2.1 be diligent in pursuing their studies;
  - 2.2 attend school regularly and punctually;
  - 2.3 cooperate fully with everyone authorized by the Board to provide education programs and services;
  - 2.4 respect the rights of others;
  - 2.5 ensure their conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;
  - 2.6 refrain from, report, and not tolerate bullying or bullying behavior directed towards others in the school, whether or not it occurs on school property, during the school day, or by electronic means;
  - 2.7 be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct;
  - 2.8 positively contribute to the student's school and community.



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The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

#### References

Education Act:	8, 9, 11, 16, 31, 33, 35
Other Statutes:	Alberta Human Rights Act, Canadian Multiculturalism Act.
	Canadian Citizenship Act, Criminal Code of Canada, Freedom of
	Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Canadian Charter of
	Rights & Freedoms
Division Policies:	501.1 Attendance at School; Appendix A 502.1 Student Code of Conduct; 502.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments; 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution