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Student Rights and Responsibilities  
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# A Parent's Companion Guide

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& Other Important Topics



## Grades K-3

For additional information, refer to the current version of Regulation 2601  
or contact Student Safety and Wellness Office at 571-423-4270



# Student Rights and Responsibilities

## Quality Education

Your child has the right to learn in school.  
This means that:

- Your child learns according to his or her own ability and effort.
- No one will be allowed to call your child names because of the way he or she learns.
- No one will be allowed to yell, scream, shout, or make loud noises to interrupt your child's learning.

Your child has a responsibility to come to school each day prepared to learn.

This means that your child will:

- Enter class on time every day and have supplies.
- Complete assignments.
- Listen carefully and follow directions.
- Respect personal and school property.
- Your child will do his or her best.

## School Safety

Your child has the right to be safe in this school.

This means that no one is allowed to:

- Hit them.
- Kick them.
- Push them.
- Pinch them.
- Hurt them or touch them in any way that makes them feel bad.

Your child has a responsibility to help keep the school safe for everyone.

This means that your child will:

- Follow school and class rules.
- Keep their hands, feet, and possessions to themselves and not touch others in ways that may offend them.
- Not bring anything to school that could hurt others.
- Report things that are unsafe to an adult in school.
- Not touch the property of others without asking first.
- Take care of their possessions.

## Respect for Self and Others

Your child has the right to be happy, to be themselves, and to be treated with respect in this school.

This means that:

- No one will be allowed to laugh at them or hurt your child's feelings on purpose.
- No one will treat your child unfairly because of:
  - the color of his or her skin.
  - the way your child looks.
  - the way your child speaks.
  - your child's religious beliefs.
  - your child's country of origin.

Your child has a responsibility to respect themselves and others.

This means that your child will:

- Treat others the way your child wants to be treated.
- Not tease others, laugh at others, or hurt others' feelings.
- Help others.
- Treat all others fairly.
- Take turns.
- Be courteous, respectful, and honest.
- Not hit another student.
- Not touch another student inappropriately.

## Self-Expression

Your child has the right to hear and be heard in this school.

- This means that your child will be free to express his or her feelings and opinions respectfully without being interrupted or punished.
- Your child has the right to recite the pledge of allegiance and observe one minute of silence.
- Your child has the right to wear clothing of his or her choice, as long as what your child wears is appropriate for school.

Your child has a responsibility to listen to others and follow directions.

This means that your child will:

- Use proper and appropriate language.
- Listen carefully when others are speaking.
- Respect the ideas and actions of others.
- Your child will have the responsibility to:
  - dress appropriately.
  - be neat and clean.
  - wear clothing that has:
    - no pictures or words about alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

## Rules of Conduct

All students are expected to be good citizens. Students may be disciplined if Fairfax County Public Schools rules and regulations are not followed. These rules will be enforced while students are on or off school grounds (if the act is school-related) and on school buses or at the bus stop. Good citizenship behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Your child should:

- A. Come to school everyday, on time, unless he or she is sick or have an excused absence.
- B. Listen to their teachers. Raise their hands, wait for their turn, and obey the school and classroom rules.
- C. Never fight or hurt other students.
- D. Never take things that belong to another person.
- E. Never damage school property.
- F. Stay in school during school hours and do not trespass after school hours.
- G. Never play games for money.
- H. Never use bad language or gestures.
- I. Never tease or hurt anyone's feelings because that person is different. (Ways in which we are different would include skin color, the way we look, the way we speak, how we learn, or whether we are a boy or girl.)
- J. Never bully anyone; tell an adult if someone is bullying them.
- K. Never create a disturbance during any school activity by yelling or screaming.
- L. Never use a computer without an adult's permission and supervision.
- M. Always wear clothing that a student in grades K-3 would be proud to wear.
- N. Keep his or her hands to themselves.
- O. Never bring to school any object that could hurt someone.



# CELL PHONES

A student may possess a cell phone on school property, including a school bus, during the school day and while in after-school activities; however, the cell phone must be **OUT OF SIGHT AND TURNED OFF**. Only the principal or the principal's designee can give a student permission to use the phone during the school day. FCPS does not assume responsibility for any personal items brought to school, including cell phones, except for those that the school confiscates. Damage or loss are the responsibility of students and their parent(s) or guardian(s).

## **CELL PHONES CANNOT BE USED ON SCHOOL BUSES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!!!**

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

The principal, or another adult acting at the principal's request, shall determine the appropriate consequence in each case of student misbehavior or violation of any rules and regulations. Each student has the right to present his or her view of the problem when the principal is determining the facts and imposing penalties.

The following disciplinary measures can be taken:

- A. The principal may talk to your child about his or her behavior.
- B. Your child may have to stay after school. Schools must notify parents or guardian of after-school detention.
- C. Your child may be removed from the regular class and assigned to a restricted location, if :
  - he or she is keeping other students from learning.
  - your child's teacher or administrator has tried to help your child, and it didn't change your child's behavior.
  - your child's behavior violates the Rules of Conduct.

If your child is removed from class, his or her teacher will contact you about the behavior.

- D. Your child may be placed on probation and warned that his or her behavior is unacceptable and must be improved.
- F. Your child may be removed from school.
  1. Suspension (Suspension means your child won't be allowed to come to school until the principal says he or she can come back.)

Your child may be suspended for any violation of school rules, but your child must be suspended if they hurt or threaten an adult in the school.

2. Expulsion (Expulsion means your child cannot attend Fairfax County Public Schools for at least 365 days and you, the parent or guardian, must apply for readmission.)

The principal must suspend your child from school and must recommend your child for expulsion if:

- Your child brings a real or look-alike gun to school or use any other weapon.
- Your child and other people gang up on someone and try to hurt that person.

3. Your child has rights.

Your child will have a chance to talk about what happened before your child's principal decides what to do about his or her behavior. As parents or guardians, you will also be able to talk with the principal.

For additional details, refer to the current version of Regulation 2601, Student Rights & Responsibilities

This document contains a shortened version of actions for which students may be disciplined, as well as the probable consequences. While this document identifies typical consequences, school officials may use disciplinary measures in addition to those listed. This document is intended to serve as a guide only and shall not replace the *Student Rights and Responsibilities* (SR&R, FCPS Regulation 2601). **In the event of a conflict between this document and the SR&R, the SR&R shall be controlling in all cases.**