

THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUPILS

It is necessary to discuss pupils' rights and responsibilities with them.

IT IS MY RIGHT :

1. To be treated with understanding, courtesy and respect.

RESPONSIBILITY

To treat others with courtesy and to respect their position in the school.

THIS MEANS :

- * that I shall not back chat
- * shall not talk in between
- * shall stand up for adults
- * be neat, friendly, helpful and greet adults by using correct mode of address at all times.
- * subject myself to classroom discipline
- * carry out just commands
- * be obedient and respect the pupils' council
- * subject myself to discipline of superiors
- * allow girls/ladies to walk first
- * communicate in a polite way

IT IS MY RIGHT :

2. To obtain maximum advantage from classes and extra mural activities.

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY :

To co-operate with teachers and fellow pupils in such a way that lessons can proceed in an undisturbed manner. I must be punctual, devote myself to school work, participate in class activities and projects.

THIS MEANS THAT I SHALL :

- * not disturb lessons by speaking in between
- * behave myself at all times in the passages, rows and during assembly
- * complete my homework
- * be punctual for school, classes and extra mural activities
- * always have my books and stationery available
- * attend all classes
- * look after all the learning materials
- * have all my belongings clearly marked
- * catch up all the work after I have been absent

IT IS MY RIGHT :

3. To be taught to exercise self discipline

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY :

To act in control of myself and to accept reprimands

THIS MEANS :

- * to always do neat work
- * to be obedient at all times
- * to use good language at all times
- * to exercise punctuality
- * not to eat in class
- * not to eat chewing gum
- * to always be obedient to the pupils' council
- * not to be sworn at and not to swear at others
- * to be punctual for extra mural activities
- * to complete all work and homework
- * not to assault anyone
- * not to be assaulted
- * not to be sexually abused
- * not to commit sexual misdemeanors
- * not to be bullied by others
- * not to bully other children
- * not to throw stones
- * not to fight
- * to keep the school/cloakrooms/sports fields/school grounds in an impeccable condition
- * not to intimidate anyone
- * not to carry any weapons (knives, stones, sticks, sharp objects)
- * to express correct appreciation – clapping and not whistling

- * Earrings :
- * to wear only a similar pair of studs, only one stud per ear; - only small earrings (1cm diameter) or a small golden stud. Only girls may wear earrings.
- * watches (Take Note: NO SMART WATCHES) and "Medic Alert" discs may be worn as a general rule.
- * jewels may be confiscated till the end of the term.
- * no jewels may be worn with any sports dress.
- * Hair : Boys :
- * hair must be short, no steps, gel or coloring;
- * fringes may not touch eyebrow;
- * sides may not touch the ears, on top of head short and neat.
- * paths may not be shaven.
- * no comb-over styles.
- * Hair : Girls :
- * a girl's hair may not touch her collar.
- * no colouring (temporary or permanent) or any highlights – not even with parents' permission.
- * no gel may be used.
- * no permanent curls
- * only plain navy, maroon and white elastics, ribbons and bands may be used in the hair.
- * short bob-hair must be kept neat and out of the face with a hairpin/hair-or aliceband.
- * all hair which is long enough, must be tied up.
- * no hair may be in the way of a learner's eyesight.
- * only two pigtails.
- * no make-up may be used.
- * Nails – no nail polish
- * nails may not be visible from the palm of the hand
- * Eyebrows/Eyelashes – may not be coloured!!

I HAVE THE RIGHT :

4. to attend school in a safe environment

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY :

To make the school a safe environment by not threatening, injuring or assaulting anyone and to respect safety measures.

THAT MEANS :

- * not to ride a bicycle in the school grounds
- * not to throw stones
- * not to be in possession of any knives, catapults, weapons, pea-shooters, blades, any sharp objects
- * not assault anyone else
- * not fight
- * not be in possession of any liquor, drugs or pornographic material on the school grounds
- * not intimidate anyone
- * accept responsibility for my own deeds

No unauthorized persons may visit children during school hours.

I HAVE THE RIGHT:

5. To expect that my possessions will be safe

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY:

Not to steal other people's property or damage their property and to report such acts

IT MEANS:

- * not to steal schoolwork / modules with your eyes
- * to care for valuable possessions
- * to respect the property of others
- * to make sure that all belongings are clearly marked
- * not to bring valuables to school
- * not to bring large amounts of private money to school

IT IS MY RIGHT:

6. To attend school in a pleasant, neatly cared for school surroundings and have the necessary sports facilities within the school's power.

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY:

To take care of the school buildings, equipment, furniture and classrooms. I must also assist with cleaning projects and report all defects.

THIS MEANS: I shall

- * not scatter rubbish
- * not write on doors, desks and walls
- * not break windows
- * always use a toilet in a hygienic way
- * leave toilets in a neat, hygienic condition after use
- * not vandalize anything
- * have all my books neatly covered
- * be proud of my school uniform and that the uniform will only be worn by pupils during school hours and school functions.

IT IS MY RIGHT:

7. To express my views at appropriate times and to be listened to

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY:

To express opinions in a civilized manner and to listen to others' opinions in a polite way.

THIS MEANS:

- * not to back chat
- * not to talk in between
- * not to interrupt
- * to express your opinion in a civilized way
- * to await your turn to speak

IT IS MY RIGHT :

8. To have access to the help, time and attention of a teacher during school activities

IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY :

To pay attention when I am spoken to and to have understanding of other people's problems and to co-operate with them.

IT MEANS :

- * that you have to await your turn
- * that you must listen the first time when you are spoken to
- * that you cannot expect commands to be repeated

I HAVE THE RIGHT :

9. To function according to this school's ethos on the grounds of culture, race, creed, language, sex and ability.

I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY :

To behave as a responsible citizen of South Africa

THIS MEANS :

- * no molesting
- * not to be molested
- * no pornography
- * not to distribute pornography
- * not to offend by practicing culture or creed
- * not to smoke
- * not to participate in Satanism
- * not to use liquor
- * not to use drugs
- * not to steal tests or exam papers
- * not to be sexually abused
- * not to practice sexual misdemeanors
- * not to practice public immorality / abuse
- * not to commit a murder
- * not to partake in protest marches
- * not to assault teachers
- * not to intimidate anyone
- * not to be impertinent
- * not to be part of corruption / bribery
- * to expose corruption / bribery
- * to always exercise honesty during tests or examinations