

A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES*

(to be read, discussed, initialed, signed, and returned to one's homeroom teacher)

1. As a middle school student, I have the right to a capable and caring teacher. I also have the responsibility to assist that teacher by my cooperation in allowing him or her to do the best job possible. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
2. As a middle school student, I have the right to a pleasant physical workplace. I also have the responsibility to keep that workplace clean and safe, and to report any mess, damage, or safety hazard to my immediate supervisor. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
3. As a middle school student, I have the right to a safe physical and emotional environment. I also have the responsibility to protect myself and others from physical or emotional harm by standing up for myself or others and/or alerting an adult in charge. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
4. As a middle school student, I have the right to an atmosphere where learning can take place. I have the responsibility to promote that atmosphere by my actions, and to discourage others who would do otherwise. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
5. As a middle school student, I have the right to attend a school that has realistic rules and consequences, but which also has its fun and interesting activities. My responsibility is to support the reasonable rules and consequences, work to change those which are not reasonable, and help create and/or participate in fun student activities. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
6. As a middle school student, I have the right to clear communication of what is expected of me. I have the responsibility to know and follow the rules in the binder reminder, classroom expectations, or any new rules announced. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
7. As a middle school student, I have the right to reports on my progress in any given class. It is my responsibility to know my approximate standing (grades) in each class long before the report card comes out. My grades shouldn't be a surprise. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
9. As a middle school student, I have the right to seek help with my particular ways of learning. I have the responsibility to discover how I learn best. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
10. As a middle school student, I have the right to a chance to solve many of my own problems by myself first without involving my parents. I also have the responsibility to recognize when I have a problem which needs the help of an adult. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)
11. As a middle school student, I have the right to develop my own personality. I also have the responsibility to develop that personality within the scope of the rules for the common good. I have the right and the freedom to express myself in a socially acceptable manner. (I understand and will do my best in this area. ____)

----- We, middle school student and parent(s) or guardian, have read the above Rights and Responsibilities list -----

Name (print) _____ date _____ grade _____
HR teacher _____ parent signature _____

* minor revisions from staff 9/8/02