

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: June 12, 2017
SUBJECT: New Policy 545, Student Rights
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: School Board
APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER: Les Fujitake
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 545, Student Rights.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve.



BACKGROUND:

The purpose of new Policy 545, Student Rights, is to highlight information pertaining to student rights. The Superintendent will ensure that a Student Rights document be prominently posted in the front office at each of our District facilities.

The School Board's Policy Committee reviewed the revised policy at its meeting of February 21, 2017, and recommended approval with some revisions. The policy was an agenda item for the February 27, 2017 meeting of the School Board. The policy was removed from the agenda in order to obtain further feedback from the Somali Parent Network and Latino Parent Association. Incorporating feedback from the two parent groups, the revised policy was presented to the Board Policy Committee at its June 1 meeting and was approved to bring forward to the full School Board for action.

District Legal Counsel has reviewed this new policy.

There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Adopted: June 12, 2017 [NEW]
Contact Person: Superintendent

POLICY 545 STUDENT RIGHTS

I. PURPOSE

To highlight information pertaining to student rights.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Superintendent will ensure that a Student Rights document be prominently posted in the front office at each of our District facilities. The document is Exhibit A of this policy.



Student Rights

Policy 545 - Exhibit A

All students have a right to an equal education and a right to be educated in a safe and secure learning environment. The rights of students are protected and enforced by policies that are guided by state and federal law.

- **Privacy Information**
 - Policy 515, Protection of Privacy of Student Records – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of a student’s educational records, including citizenship status.
 - Minnesota State Law – Records, other than directory information, are private and only shall be released pursuant to a valid court order.
- **Enrollment in the District**
 - District Policy 509, Enrollment of Resident and Nonresident Students – A student can be enrolled in the District regardless of citizenship status.
- **Access to a safe and secure learning environment**
 - District Policy 413, Harassment and Violence – The District will provide a learning environment that is free from harassment, unlawful discrimination, and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, immigration status, or disability.
 - District Policy 514, Bullying Prohibition – An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation. This includes but is not limited to, prohibited conduct and discriminatory behavior directed toward any student or students, including those based on a person’s actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, creed, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, marital status, familial status, socio-economic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation, including academic status related to student performance, disability or status with regard to public assistance, age or any additional characteristics.
 - District Policy 506, Student Discipline – The District will ensure that students are aware and comply with District expectations for student conduct. Such compliance will enhance the District’s ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The District will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct established by this policy.