

Student Rights and Responsibilities (revised July 23, 2012)

At Kingsolver Elementary School, we cherish our students and respect their educational and civil rights. We also have high expectations in terms of their responsibilities. The key aspects of students' rights and responsibilities listed below are an abridged version directly drawn from DoDEA administrative instruction 2051.02, *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. A complete version can be found at www.dodea.edu.

Students have the following rights:

1. Right to a public education of high quality, including the opportunity to participate in school activities, without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or status as a parent.
2. Right to expect a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and free from undue interference in the pursuit of their education, including freedom from discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), bullying (including cyberbullying), drugs and alcohol, and other unwanted conduct.
3. Rights of freedom of speech, expression of views, and assembly under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; freedom from unwarranted search and seizure under the Fourth Amendment; and due process under the Fifth Amendment.
4. These rights shall be recognized, respected, and balanced with the responsibilities of DoDEA schools to maintain an environment conducive to learning and free from disruption. DoDEA schools retain the authority to conduct random and periodic searches of school property and to seize contraband items belonging to students, as well as the authority to search student possessions and person when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of unauthorized items.
5. Right to fair and appropriate discipline in accordance with DoDEA Regulation 2051.1. This administrative instruction shall not be construed to limit the authority of DoDEA or DoDEA employees to maintain order and discipline.

Students and DoDEA employees have a shared responsibility to treat each other with courtesy, fairness, and respect.

Students have the following responsibilities:

1. To actively participate in the educational process.
2. To comply with all school policies and procedures.
3. To comply with all student behavior and dress code standards outlined in student handbooks and other procedural guidelines.
4. To refrain from conduct that is disruptive or causes (or might reasonably be predicted to cause) disruption at school, on school-provided transportation, and at school-sponsored and school-related activities both on and off campus.
5. To refrain from interfering with the education of other students or the orderly operation of school business.

6. To respect the rights and human dignity of other students and all school employees, which includes refraining from discrimination or harassment (including sexual harassment) based on race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or status as a parent; intimidation; hazing; retaliation; or bullying (including cyberbullying).
7. To attend school and classes regularly and punctually, except when excused.
8. To make a conscientious effort in all classes.
9. To participate in and take advantage of educational opportunities provided by DoDEA schools.
10. To assist school employees in operating a safe school by abiding by the laws of the United States, the local military installation, the host nation, and DoDEA policies, regulations and procedures as well as by complying with the directions of principals, teachers, and all authorized school employees while under their authority.
11. To properly maintain school property.
12. To not endanger themselves, other students, school employees, or the public by possessing materials or objects that are potentially hazardous and/or prohibited by law in the United States or military installation.
13. To dress in compliance with the school's dress code policy.
14. To bring any issues that could endanger the safety or wellbeing of students on campus to the attention of school employees.
15. To accept the consequences of their actions, including discipline.