

10.3 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students attending Vanguard Academy enjoy all the rights and responsibilities afforded to them by both state and national law.

Student Rights: No student shall be unlawfully denied an equal educational opportunity, or be unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, economic status, sex, or physical or mental handicap.

Every student has the right to receive an education relevant to his or her own needs and ability, as well as the right to learn at his or her own pace.

All students have the right to learn in an environment that upholds the law and ensures students are safe and protected during school hours and while on school property.

Freedom of speech is a basic student right; however, it is subject to the following constraints:

- It may not disrupt the educational process.
- It may not interfere with the rights of another, including his or her freedom of expression and his or her freedom from abuse and/or personal attack.
- The distribution of any written material, including material which represents the school, on the school property must receive prior approval of the Director.
- Teachers and administrators may edit the style and content of student speech at school assemblies, in the school newspaper, in school theatrical productions, and in other school sponsored activities, when teachers and administrators have legitimate educational concerns.

Every student has the right to an environment that encourages learning and is free of unnecessary disruption. Students have a right to the protections guaranteed to all citizens.

Student Responsibilities: Student responsibilities are established upon the values of self-respect and respect for others. As no student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students, it is thus the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of all who are involved in the educational process. All students must adhere to these responsibilities while within school facilities, on school grounds, in school-approved vehicles, and while attending school-sponsored events.

Students in Foster Care:

Some children in foster care will require transportation to remain in their school of origin when it is determined to be in their best interest. Should the need arise, Vanguard will collaborate with their local foster care point of contact to complete the Memorandum of Understanding addressing transportation to foster youth. If a cooperative and cost-effective transportation plan cannot be established, Vanguard will contact the state-level foster care point of contact and the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) foster care point of contact. As required, Vanguard will provide or arrange for adequate and appropriate transportation to and from the school of origin while any disputes are being resolved.

Transportation of Foster child/youth will be done in compliance with R501-12-11 and meet the following requirements.

(1) Drivers of vehicles carrying foster child(ren) shall have a valid, current driver's license and valid, current vehicle insurance, and comply with all traffic regulations.

(2) Transportation of foster children shall be provided in an enclosed, registered vehicle that has functional seatbelts. Foster parents shall ensure that foster children properly utilize seatbelts and other safety equipment, including age and size appropriate car/booster seats. Recreational vehicles, including motorcycles, shall not be used for transportation.

(3) Emergency contact information, including but not limited to caseworker and Agency information, shall be provided and accessible in each vehicle used to transport foster children.

(4) Each vehicle shall be equipped with a first aid kit.

Each student attending Vanguard Academy has the following responsibilities:

- Adhere to all school rules as outlined in the Vanguard Academy Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Attend school regularly, arrive at school on time, and be prepared for class.
- Exhibit his/her best effort in each subject area and ask for help as needed.
- Practice honesty in all academic work, as well as behave honestly in dealings with all members of the school.
- Follow the lawful directions of members of the school staff.
- Submit to reasonable consequences for the violation of rules, which may be imposed by members of the school staff.
- Respect the personal and educational rights of others.
- Refrain from unauthorized use, misuse, or removal of school or individual property.
- Refrain from any form of verbal or physical behavior designed to intimidate or otherwise harass another.
- Refrain from the use of profanity or obscene gestures.
- Refrain from the threat or use of physical violence.
- Refrain from engaging in the sale, distribution, use, or possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or other controlled substances, including prescription drugs.
- Refrain from possession or storage of any weapon, drug, chemical, firework, or explosive device in any Vanguard Academy building, regardless of a federal or state license.
- Refrain from proselytizing for or discriminating against any religious or special interest groups at school.
- Refrain from any conduct which discriminates against other students on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, economic status, sex, or physical or mental handicap.

Note: Vanguard Academy has established rules and guidelines in order to provide a safe and orderly environment for learning. As such, students must adhere to these rules and guidelines. However, the Director may exercise his/her personal judgment in the review of individual discipline incidents.

Vanguard Academy complies with all state and federal rules and regulations. Students who feel they have been discriminated against have the right to file a complaint with the school administration and/or local, state and federal authorities.

All policies and procedures shall be updated regularly to comply with state and federal laws.

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