

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS **BILL OF RIGHTS**

The Fulton County Board of Education is committed to its stakeholders and strongly believes that their voice matters. With assistance from students, teachers, and parents, **Fulton County Schools** has established a **Student, Teacher and Parent/Guardian Bill of Rights**. While these are not legal documents creating enforceable rights, they are intended to support an environment of reciprocal accountability and outline tenets for each of the groups.

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STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

The Fulton County School District (FCS) recognizes that students are our most important stakeholders.

RIGHTS:

RIGHT TO EXPRESSION

- To express themselves respectfully and appropriately, in a non-disruptive fashion
- To respectfully request an appropriate forum for expressing concerns and grievances
- To select their peers to represent the student body to administration and school officials

RIGHT TO HEALTH

- To attend a welcoming school where safety of students and employees is a priority and promotes learning alongside social and emotional skill development
- To access available physical health and mental health resources
- To respect each student's right to advocate for themselves
- To receive appropriate instructional supports as needed
- To access school-provided meals that support a balanced diet

RIGHT TO FAIR TREATMENT

- To be treated fairly regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity
- To equal access and explanations of educational opportunities
- To appeal major disciplinary decisions as provided in the Student Code of Conduct

RIGHT TO PRIVACY

- To keep their grades and other student information private as provided by law
- To have access to a trusted adult

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To treat school facilities, materials, faculty, and other students with respect
- To understand and follow the school and district rules and requirements
- To appropriately stand up against mistreatment, discrimination, or abuse of others
- To appropriately engage in open communication with teachers and students
- To actively participate in their education
- To be punctual and prepared
- To maintain and uphold academic integrity

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PARENTS GUARDIANS BILL OF RIGHTS

The Fulton County School District (FCS) recognizes and embraces families as essential partners in student success.

RIGHTS:

- To be treated with courtesy and respect by all employees
- To have the safety of students and employees prioritized
- To be a partner in the learning process of their child
- To have a welcoming and inclusive environment in the schools and the district
- To have students equipped with strong foundations and life skills
- To receive responsive instruction that is rigorous and meets students where they are
- To appropriately advocate for your child without consequence
- To be provided with appropriate access to instructional resources and assessments to the extent permitted by law and as outlined in Board Policy IHA and II
- To obtain clear and transparent communication from teachers, school, and the district
- To receive timely responses from teachers and staff as outlined by the school

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To be respectful to all Fulton County employees and students
- To monitor and guide your child's academic progress
- To support school efforts to protect students' physical and emotional well being
- To establish a trusting relationship with FCS
- To ensure your child attends school every day
- To stay informed by reading all communication from school and the district
- To communicate appropriately with teachers and school staff about your child's education
- To utilize and reinforce social and emotional learning support provided by the school
- To appropriately advocate for your child's education
- To seek involvement in your child's school, district, and school organizations
- To resolve issues and concerns with Fulton County Schools by following the communication protocol such as teacher, staff, principal, zone superintendent, superintendent

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TEACHER BILL OF RIGHTS

The Fulton County School District (FCS) believes that all teachers matter. FCS commits to providing teachers with a professional, collaborative working environment in support of continued growth and development.

RIGHTS:

- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To have timely access to resources that enhance teaching and learning
- To receive timely and accurate communication
- To have access to quality professional learning opportunities
- To work in a school district where safety of students and employees is prioritized
- To have input on matters that impact their professional responsibilities
- To receive timely and purposeful feedback that supports growth
- To be provided with resources to plan for all facets of instruction

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To uphold the teacher's code of ethics (GaPSC)
- To understand and follow the school and district rules and requirements, including those relating to student and school safety and well-being
- To provide instruction that is meaningful, relevant, and standards-based
- To hold all students accountable for high levels of learning
- To give students accurate, timely, and purposeful feedback
- To treat all stakeholders with dignity and respect
- To effectively prepare for instruction to meet the needs of all students
- To pursue relevant and sustained professional learning