



STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS



Preamble: The Superintendents' Student Advisory Council believes that students learn best when schools collaborate with them as equal partners in the pursuit of their education. The desire for the commitment to racial and economic justice prompted the writing of the Student Bill of Rights. The goal of the Student Bill of Rights written by students for students is to assist schools to provide welcoming and engaging environments for students while offering them a variety of opportunities to partner with the school community to improve student achievement so that all students graduate college prepared and career ready.

In LA Unified, the right to a quality education is a basic right of all students. For all students to have a quality education, they also have the right to be taught by a highly qualified and skilled teacher. Along with the above basic rights, students also have the right to the following:

Respect and Dignity

All students have the right to be treated and spoken to with dignity and respect.

Universal Access

All students have the right to access resources, like current technology, that promotes an equitable public education, regardless of class or economic status.

Diversity and Inclusivity

All students have the right to learn in an environment that does not discriminate and that reflects the variety of backgrounds, ages, genders, cultures, sexualities, capabilities, and ethnicities of the student body.

Confidentiality

All students have the right to expect that information related to them is kept confidential and private except as allowed by applicable laws.

Due Process

All students have the right to be informed of school policies, rules as well as consequences and be able to contest unfair treatment.

Free Expression

All students have the right to express themselves orally, in writing, and artistically in a courteous and thoughtful manner that is within acceptable legal standards in an educational context without fear of reprisal.

Access and Equity

All students have the right to access a free and equitable education.

Influence Decisions

All students have the right to influence decisions that affect their learning, safety, security as well as their mental and physical well-being.

Counseling and Guidance

All students have the right to academic, college, career, and life counseling and guidance from well-trained administrators, counselors, mentors, and vetted educational practitioners that will prepare students for a post-secondary education or career of their choice.

Positive School Climate

All students have the right to feel mentally, physically and emotionally safe in school environments that are welcoming and inviting.

Civic Participation

All students have the right to engage with their community and participate in a variety of school sponsored extracurricular field trips, clubs, organizations and activities.

College and Career Readiness

All students have the right to a quality, well rounded, robust education that prepares them for life beyond high school.