

KENTWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

STUDENT NAME (printed) _____ School Year _____ **2020-2021** _____

Rules exist because you have rights. If you had no rights, there would be no need for rules and laws. Each of the rules listed below is necessary to protect your rights.

BILL OF RIGHTS

1. Students and Staff shall be free from physical and emotional injury inflicted by others or on themselves.
 - A. The possession or use of guns, knives, or any other weapon is forbidden on campus or during school-related activities.
 - B. Fighting or any aggressive physical contact, direct or indirect, is not allowed.
 - C. Verbal abuse, teasing, name-calling, and use of profanity, and bullying are not allowed.
 - D. The possession, use, distribution, or sale of drugs (prescription, non-prescription or illegal) is forbidden. This also includes alcohol and tobacco products and any items used when preparing or using drugs such as lighters, pipes, clips and matches.
 - E. Jewelry, which could hurt another person, such as spikes, pins, etc. is not allowed.
 - F. The possession of flammable materials – matches, lighters, fireworks, etc. is forbidden.
 - G. Un-natural Hair dye and self-graffiti are not allowed.
 - H. Body piercing (nose rings, belly button rings, etc.) is forbidden.

2. Students and Staff shall be free from theft, damage, or destruction of their property.
 - A. Taking student, staff or school property without permission is not allowed. This includes cheating which is a form of stealing.
 - B. The interference with or destruction of property (personal, student, staff, or school) is not allowed.
 - C. The defacing of property by writing, drawing or other means is not allowed.

3. Students and Staff shall have the right to a clean, safe, quiet and secure environment in which to do their schoolwork.
 - A. Eating and drinking in classrooms is not allowed unless the school approves it. Chewing gum on campus is not allowed. Eating or drinking on campus is limited to certain times such as break and lunch.
 - B. Classroom rules relating to entering and leaving the room, excessive talking, disruptive behavior, and other procedures must be followed.
 - C. Lateness to class or school interferes with your right to an education. Hence consequences for lateness will be imposed.
 - D. The wearing of portable music players, headphones or other devices, which prevent students from hearing others, is not allowed in class. The use of these devices is permitted only by individual contract between the school and the student.
 - E. Spitting or any other unsanitary practices is not allowed.

4. Students shall have the right to discuss confidentially any matter relating to their schoolwork or personal life with a teacher, counselor, Principal or any other member of the Administration at appropriate times.

- A. Conferences which occur during class time do not excuse the student from making up missed work.
 - B. Conferences may not excuse students from any consequences earned prior to the conference.
5. Students have the right to appeal any decision or consequence to the Principal or other member of the Administration according to the appropriate procedures.
 6. Students shall have the right to receive privileges, credit and grades for their work and behavior, which they have earned.
 - A. Privileges a student may earn are determined by individual contract.
 - B. Violation of the provisions of the Behavior Program will result in loss of behavior points or other consequences.
 7. Students shall be safe from search and seizure of their personal property by the staff unless a member of the Administration has reasonable belief that the student is in possession of materials that are in violation of student rules or the law.
 8. Students have the right to feel safe. All students are responsible for their online activity, **both at Kentwood and outside of Kentwood** – and Kentwood will get involved if a student’s online activity adversely affects the school, its staff, or any other of its students. Students are prohibited from a) bullying other students (in any manner whatsoever), b) placing inappropriate photos or writing inappropriate posts d) making slanderous or negative comments about the school or its staff and e) posting photos taken at school or on school sanctioned trips.

Failure of Kentwood to insist at any time to the strict observance of any of this policy, shall not impair any such right or remedy, not be construed as a waiver, or relinquishment in the future.

AFFIRMATION

I have read and understand my rights as a student of this School and I agree to abide by all the school rules which protect my rights.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I have read and reviewed this Bill of Rights with my child and understand same.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____