

Edit #3 – Edit of Know Your Rights page

Tue, May 5, 2020 at 12:45 PM Susan <susanmalter@gmail.com> wrote:

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Add:

"1. Services for Students after Suspension or Expulsion"

Delete: "1. Re-engagement after suspension or expulsion."

Comment: The language used must be accessible and understandable, so that parents and students can know and exercise their rights.

Add: "2. Protect your family's right and your children's right to privacy."

Delete: "Release of Directory Information – Waukegan Police Department. The District releases student name and address information to the Waukegan Police Department to assist officers in maintaining a safe educational and community environment for students, staff and community members."

Comment: This page is about rights. The deletion recommendation is for language that does not explain the rights of students or families but attempts to discourage people from exercising their limited rights. ***This is language supported by counsel attempting to diminish the rights of students and their families.***

Add: "4. Protect your student's Fourth Amendment Right to be protected from unreasonable searches by the school. Everyone in America should know to refuse consent to a search. By refusing consent, and only by refusing consent, a person preserves and protects the Fourth Amendment right. The civil and proper way to assert this right will be presented in assemblies and in classrooms."

Comment: Last year counsel for the School District refused to allow this into the Know Your Rights section of the Handbook. That was a clear declaration by the School District that administrators wished families and students not to know all of their rights. The Department of Safety and Security Director has offered to do a presentation on how this can be exercised and taught to students. A presentation on this was scheduled for last year's presentation of the Handbook, but counsel for the School District commandeered the presentation of the Handbook last year when it submitted its own censored version of the Handbook.

Add/Delete: Delete from "4." : "In some cases, students may be asked to change to attire that complies with the dress code or take other action to reflect the District's dress expectations, such as remove a hat."

Comment: This waters down the "rights" and explains a diminution of rights. The right is not to be shamed. Even in the case of a hat, the right not to be shamed remains. The matter should be addressed privately. There is no "hat exception" to the

rule against disrespectful behavior toward students regarding apparel. Shaming will not be tolerated.