

# THE Riveredge School

## Student/Parent Rights Policy

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The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School (ROLES) Governance Council recognizes that students possess not only the right to an education but the rights of citizenship as well.

In providing students the opportunity for an education to which they are entitled, ROLES shall attempt to offer nurture, counsel, and custodial care appropriate to their age and maturity. At the same time the Governance Council recognizes that no student may be deprived of the basic right to equal access to the educational program and his/her constitutional right to due process and free expression and association as appropriate for the school environment.

Attendant to the rights afforded to each student, however, are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others, obedience to properly constituted school authority, and compliance with the guidelines and rules of ROLES.

The Governance Council realizes that as students differ in age and maturity, so they differ in ability to handle both the rights of citizens and the concomitant responsibilities. The exercise of each right shall be granted, therefore, with due regard for the degree of responsibility possessed by the student and the student's need for the continuing guidance and control of those responsible for his/her education. Since a student who has reached the age of majority possesses the full rights of an adult, s/he may authorize those school matters previously handled by his/her parents, but s/he also assumes the responsibility for his/her performance in school, attendance, and compliance with the guidelines and rules of ROLES.

Administrators, counselors, and teachers shall not provide a supporting affidavit for students who have petitioned the court to grant them the status of emancipated minors unless prior approval has been obtained from the Lead Teacher.

Parents also have rights in the school system to know about their student's educational experience. Specific rights are listed in topic areas of these policies.

In addition, parents have the right to inspect any instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum for their student. Instructional materials means instructional content, regardless of format,

that is provided to the student, including printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials available in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). Instructional material does not include academic tests or academic assessments. ROLES Lead Teacher shall, in consultation with parents, develop a procedure addressing the rights of parents and procedures to assure timely response to parental requests to review instructional material. The procedure shall also address reasonable notification to parents and students of their rights to review these materials.

A student who is still a dependent for Federal tax purposes, but who has reached the age of majority may, by written request, restrict his/her parents access to personally identifiable information from his/her student records.

When a student with a disability reaches the age of eighteen (18), with the exception of a student with a disability who has been found incompetent in this State, ROLES must provide any required notices to both the student and the student's parents, and all other rights accorded to the student's parents under Subchapter 5 of Chapter 115, Wis. Stats., transfer to the student.

This policy shall be applied consistent with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and applicable State student records law.

**Legal References:**

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**Adopted by ROLES Governance Council:**

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