

# POLICY JI

## Las Cruces Public Schools

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**Related Entries:** JI-RA, JICF, JICH, JIH, JICK, JK, JKD, JKD-RA  
**Responsible Office:** Associate Superintendent for Instruction

### Student Rights and Responsibilities

#### I. PURPOSE

To provide a comprehensive framework within which the Las Cruces Public Schools can carry out its educational mission and exercise its authority and responsibility to provide a safe environment for student learning, and further provide students and parents with an understanding of the basic rights and requirements necessary to effectively function in the educational community.

#### II. POSITION

A primary responsibility of the Las Cruces Public Schools and its professional staff shall be to instill in students an appreciation of our representative form of government, the rights and responsibilities of the individual, and the legal processes whereby necessary changes are brought about.

The district is a community, and the rules and regulations of a school are the laws of that community. Each right carries with it a corresponding obligation. The right to attend public school is not absolute. It is conditional on each student's acceptance of the obligation to abide by the lawful rules of the school community until and unless the rules are changed through established processes.

#### III. RESPONSIBILITY

The district has both the authority and responsibility to ensure that suitable rules of student conduct and appropriate disciplinary processes are established. Beginning with the 2006-07 school-year, the principal is responsible for making the *Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities in Las Cruces Public Schools* available to parents and the community. It is the responsibility of students and parents to inform themselves of current board policies and district regulations.

#### IV. SEVERABILITY

Any part of this regulation found by adjudication before a competent tribunal to be contrary to law shall be stricken without effect to the remainder. [08-15-97; 6.11.2.8 NMAC – Rn, 6 NMAC 1.4.8, 11-30-00]

**V. REVIEW AND REPORTING**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*Legal Reference: NMAC 6.11.2*

*Policy History: Formerly Policy 336, Revised 01.17.06*



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*Approved, President - Board of Education*

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