

Student Rights

WA HE LUT Indian School recognizes that students, as citizens, have certain constitutional rights. The school may however, set some reasonable limits on those rights in order to meet the school's obligation to educate, and to protect the health and welfare of students and staff.

Students have **FREEDOM OF SPEECH** and may express their personal opinions. That freedom does not allow personal attacks, swearing, threats of violence, or interference with other people's rights to express themselves.

Students have the **RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE** peaceably. Any such gathering, which interferes with the operation of the school or classroom, is inappropriate and prohibited.

Students have the **RIGHT TO PETITION** appropriate school authorities when they feel that they have been treated unfairly.

Students have **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS** and may express their personal opinions in writing. However, they are not allowed to make personal attacks or publish libelous or obscene material.

Students have the right to **FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE** while at school. For the protection of all, however, the following rules apply:

- General searches of school property, including lockers and desks, may be conducted without notice or consent
- Students may be subject to search of their persons or personal property as permitted under applicable law.
- Items such as firearms, other weapons, firecrackers, or anything else that might reasonably be a threat to safety or security or disruptive to the educational process may be seized and removed from a student's possession.

Students have the right to **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**. They shall not be unlawfully discriminated against because of race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, marital status, physical appearance, or mental, physical or sensory disability.

Students have the right to **FREEDOM OF RELIGION**. Students are free from being controlled or influenced by a school teacher, administrator or volunteer of any particular religious point of view while they are participating in any school district conducted or sponsored activity, or while students.