



Your Rights and Responsibilities in School

All children and youth in the United States have the right to receive a free public education, regardless of their legal status, language, or academic level.

RIGHTS:

Children and Youth Rights:

- Receive support in school as an "English learner"
- Have access to appropriate materials for your level in all subjects
- Be placed in an environment with other students your age
- Participate in any program the school offers, such as those for advanced students or students with disabilities, clubs, and sports
- Have a safe, orderly, and drug-free learning environment free from bullying, harassment, and any form of discrimination

Parent/Caregiver Rights:

- Receive information from the school in a language you understand; these translation services must be free and provided by qualified personnel
- Know about your child's progress in school and request a meeting with the teachers at any time during the school year
- Be informed if your child is involved in any problems and know the school's response
- Ask the school for help if your child is having difficulty learning or has health or behavioral issues affecting their ability to learn

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Children and Youth Responsibilities:

- Attend school regularly
- Arrive at school on time
- Be ready to learn every day
- Follow the school dress code
- Help maintain a safe and orderly school environment
- Do not fight with other students, bring weapons or drugs to school, join gangs, use offensive language, or threaten others
- Show respect and consideration for the property and rights of others

Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities:

- Ensure your child attends school every day and notify the school if they will miss class
- Respond to requests from teachers or school staff for phone calls or meetings
- Ensure your child does their homework every day

If you are interested in obtaining more information, visit our Unaccompanied Children Resource Center: ucresourcecenter.org