

**STUDENTS OF LEGAL AGE**

All students of the school system, including students in regular classes who have reached the age of 18, students in the adult education program, and any post-secondary students attending the high schools, shall observe all the rules and regulations established by Board policy or the school administration for all students unless special exceptions have been made.

The school administration is authorized to make special regulations for adult students in keeping with their greater maturity, provided these regulations do not violate basic Board policy.

The adult status of students over the legal emancipation age of 18 shall be honored by school personnel in respect to their rights to assume certain responsibilities and authority granted only the parents of younger students.

Eighteen-year-old students have full adult rights regarding access to and use of their school records. Students who have been granted permission to sign their own notes must have them countersigned by the office. All students, regardless of age, are required to provide parent or guardian's signatures on notes and school forms such as rank cards, course change slips, discipline correspondence and progress reports. Exceptions may be permitted when students are not living at home and do not have ready access to parents or guardians.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5051

Cross Reference: JRA – Student Education Records and Information

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