

NEPN/NSBA CODE: JI
TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
AUGUSTA CODE/TITLE: NONE

As we did not find a policy on this subject in Augusta's existing manual, we have included the MSMA sample for the Board's consideration. This policy serves as a foundation for the policies that address various aspects of student conduct.

Maine and federal courts continue to wrestle with the "rights" of students versus the schools' need to ensure student safety and maintain orderly operations. The Board will find that the treatment of "rights" and "responsibilities" in the sample policy reflects an effort to articulate a balance.

The Board should note the relationship between this policy (JI), the basic student discipline policy (JK), the Student Code of Conduct (JIC) and the policy and procedure for questioning and searches of students (JIH and JIH-R). We also refer the Board to policies JKD and JKE, which address suspension and expulsion and provide for due process/respect for student rights within these contexts.