



*Philadelphia Home and School Council*  
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# Parents Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Be It Resolved: That the following Parent's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities be adopted to promote increased understanding and cooperation between home and school. (

## **Every Parent in Philadelphia has the right to:**

1. Be treated with courtesy by all members of the School Staff.
2. Be respected as an individual regardless of race, creed, national origin, economic status, sex or age.
3. Be informed of the academic standards of any school program.
4. Participate in meaningful Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss his or her child's school progress and welfare when the need arises.
5. Be informed of school policies and administrative decisions.
6. Be informed of approved procedures for seeking changes in school policies and for appealing administrative decisions.
7. Inspect his or her child's cumulative records, and remove or correct any false or misleading statements, in conformity with current guidelines established by the State and Federal Governments.
8. Be informed of all programs in Special Education
9. Appeal the placement, in accordance with established guidelines, of his or her child in a Special Education Class.
10. Secure as much help as available from the School District, to further the progress and improvement of his/her child.
11. Expect that every attempt will be made by school personnel to ensure the receipt by parents of important school news and messages.
12. Be informed of the role of the school family in the selection procedures of administrators as approved by the School District.
13. Reasonable protection for his or her child from harm while under school authority.
14. Organize and participate in organizations for parents only.
15. Be informed of educational and cultural programs available to public school children in Philadelphia.

## **Every Parent in Philadelphia has the responsibility to:**

1. Make every effort to provide for the physical needs of the child.
2. Strive to prepare the child emotionally and socially, to make him/her receptive to learning and discipline.
3. Strive to have your child attend school regularly and on time.
4. Encourage and lead your child to develop proper study habits at home.
5. Know school requirements and procedures.
6. Speak up to prevent misunderstandings.
7. Discuss problems with appropriate persons.
8. Work for the success and improvement of the school program.

**Under Mrs. Lloyd Westfield Council instituted the Parents' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities in 1974 and 1975**  
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