

## Rights and Responsibilities

### Rights:

Those things we are morally or legally entitled to have or to do.

### Responsibilities:

A duty or obligation.

## Civil Rights

Emphasized in the 18<sup>th</sup> century:

- Equality before the law
- Liberty of person
- Freedom of speech, thought, and religion
- Right to own property

## Political Rights

Emphasized in the 19<sup>th</sup> century:

- Right to participate in elections
- Right to run for and hold office
- Right to vote

## Social Rights

Emphasized in the 20<sup>th</sup> century:

- Right to a certain standard of economic and social well-being
- Right to participate fully in society

## Democratic Rights

### Freedom From...

- Violence
- Exploitation
- Abuse
- Torture
- Poverty
- Hunger
- Lack of health care
- Pollution

### Freedom to...

- Education
- Practice one's religion, culture, and language
- Freedom to express opinions
- Be part of associations
- Have access to information

## The Link:

### Rights:

- To protection by the law
- Right to vote
- To drive a car
- To health care and education
- To equality

### Responsibilities:

- To obey the law
- To stay informed
- To drive safely and obey traffic laws
- To pay taxes
- To not discriminate

**Rights and Responsibilities**  
**Movie**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S  
k1yELahHu4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S<br/>k1yELahHu4)

**Do schools balance the rights**  
**and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

The police can arrest you for skipping  
school?

True: Truancy is a crime.

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**and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

You do not have to go to school if  
your parents are teaching you at  
home?

True

**Do schools balance the rights**  
**and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

Your principal cannot suspend you  
just because you swear in class.

False: you can be suspended for  
using "profane and improper  
language"

**Do schools balance the rights**  
**and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

No one is allowed to go through your  
personal things at home or in your  
locker.

True: You are protected against  
unreasonable search and seizure.  
What unreasonable means is  
debatable.

**Do schools balance the rights**  
**and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

You can be punished for expressing  
your opinions in class if they are not  
what your teacher believes.

False: everyone has freedom of  
thought, belief, opinion and  
expression, although limits may be  
placed on this freedom

**Do schools balance the rights and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

Your teacher is allowed to hit you.

True: Teachers are given the same power as parents. School boards, however, will not allow teachers to use this power.

**Do schools balance the rights and responsibilities of students?**

True or False?

You can protest without fear of being punished if you feel your school is treating you unfairly.

True: As a Canadian citizen, you have freedom of peaceful assembly, but limits may be placed on this freedom.

**Analyzing the Issues**

Review your school's current code of conduct.

- a) What are your rights under the Code?
- b) What are your responsibilities?
- c) Do you think there is a fair balance between rights and responsibilities?