



MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Bill of Rights

Resolution No. 32-2020/21

**Created by MUSD Students*

Students have the right to have a socially, emotionally, and physically safe, positive school environment: defined as

- a freedom to experience a “safe and inclusive campus; with adults who are committed to protecting and serving all students”; and
- a positive learning environment that is welcoming; and
- empowers students to have confidence in their identities; and
- shows compassion in making mistakes free from ridicule; and
- have administrators who are consistent and approachable; and

Students have the right to be treated with respect and valued by the school community: defined as

- being treated fairly regardless of religion, race, national origin, or disability, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation); and
- to attend schools that are free from bullying by students and by adults; and
- to be treated according to their maturity, competency and with compassion; and

Students have the right to inclusive teaching and learning environments in our classrooms: defined as

- having classrooms that feel safe, respectful, and welcoming, where everyone can learn; and
- learning opportunities tailored to our individual needs; and
- teachers who care about all students where all means all; and
- teachers who value our educational progress and us as human beings; and
- students are able to see themselves in our schools through challenging and culturally relevant learning; and

Students have the right to effective teachers that are both knowledgeable and supportive: defined as

- individuals who know their content and use various teaching strategies that contribute to a greater understanding; and
- understand that learning starts with relationships; and
- make learning active and visible; and
- are servant leaders who accept feedback from their students; and

Students have the right to equitable, quality education, that prepares them for life beyond high school: defined as

- providing instruction that lends itself to differentiation, feedback, and re-teaching for proof of mastery and
- ensures teachers’ skills align with students’ needs; and
- ensures accessibility to the fullest range of rigorous academic classes to all students; and
- provides real-life learning opportunities with the widest array of post-secondary options, with the greatest number of choices around College and Career with equity in access to modern technology to support adulthood success; and

Students have the right to Freedom of Expression within an educational context that has clear guidelines and expectations: defined as

- allowing students to exercise our First Amendment rights through various forms and mediums; and
- informing students of these opportunities through a variety of means; and
- providing clear expectations and guidance; and
- providing a defined platform to report violations of student rights without fear of retribution or dismissal of the concern; and

Students have the right to equitable school disciplinary policies and practices that focus on correction not punishment: defined as

- ensuring due process is implemented at every level of infraction; and
- schools adopt positive forms of discipline, aimed at addressing the cause of the behavior and providing an opportunity for students to grow from their mistakes; and
- focusing on the resolution of conflict and restoration of all relationships involved to the extent that is possible; and
- refraining from the use of stereotypes, unwarranted attention, and personal interactions that result in mistrust; and
- focusing on bringing the students back into the school community in a positive manner; and

Students have the right to shape decisions that affect our education: defined as

- formalizing opportunities with school board members, district administration, school administration, and with our teachers on a regular, scheduled basis because student voice counts:

Madera Unified School Board and Trustees hereby proclaims and recognizes on this 23rd Day of March, 2021, that the above mentioned rights be declared as a right of every student within Madera Unified School District.

WE BELIEVE
MADERA UNIFIED