

ARTICLE V
Teacher Rights and Responsibilities

Section 1 Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher rights he/she may have under the Michigan General School Laws or applicable Civil Service laws and regulations. The rights granted hereunder to the teachers shall be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

Section 2 Teachers shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship and no lawful religious or political activity of any teacher, or lack thereof, shall be grounds for any discrimination or discipline with respect to the professional employment of such teacher; provided, however, that no teacher shall engage in any religious or political activity in the course of his/her school day employment.

Section 3 The Association and the teachers recognize it is neither their function nor right to assume administrative responsibilities. The teacher recognizes his/her responsibility to uphold and hereby agrees to uphold, all written policies, written rules, and written regulations promulgated by the Board, providing those policies, rules and regulations are not in conflict with this Agreement. To this end the District's Teacher Handbook, which contain teacher professional responsibilities, school rules and regulations, will be given to teachers. In addition, a copy of the school district's policy manual will be available to teachers upon request. Any new or revised school district policies that concern staff will be communicated to staff through an inter-district publication (i.e., green sheet).

Section 4 It is agreed to by the parties that the evaluation of students is the responsibility of the teaching staff. No grade may be changed unless either the teacher who issued the grade concurs or the majority of the Grade Review Panel approves of the change. The Grade Review Panel shall be composed of three (3) teachers selected by the Association, one (1) Board member and the Superintendent or his/her designee. Should the teacher not concur and the panel approve the grade change, the teacher may appeal the decision to the Board. The decision of a majority of the board members elected and serving will be final.

Section 5 The management of students during the school day is an integral part of every professional educator's responsibility, and therefore, all professional educators shall take appropriate and effective action to promote conditions in school buildings and on school property which are conducive to good discipline.

Section 6 The Association and the teachers recognize the responsibility to implement the philosophy, goals, objectives, and curriculum as adopted by the Board.