

# Rights and Responsibilities of Students

Bethel's school for the visually impaired (VI) wants to offer academic as well as practical classes, to educate the students by fostering a keen, balanced and open mind. Part of this education process involves the development of a clear understanding, by each student, of his/her rights and responsibilities.

## **Consideration of Others:**

Every student is responsible for his/her personal language, manner, habits and behavior, because these affect the feeling and safety of others. We all have a right to be respected. It is everyone's responsibility not to tease or bother people or to hurt their feelings. Every teacher/supervisor should speak respectfully pupils and treat each one with dignity, dealing fairly with them in all circumstances, remaining mindful of their individual rights and sensibilities.

## **Providing a Positive Learning Atmosphere:**

Every student has the right to learn. It is the student's responsibility to listen to instructions, to focus on the task at hand and to complete assignments to the best of their ability. Students should raise their hands if they have a question or concern. Every student has the responsibility not to talk, shout or make disruptive noises or gestures when others are speaking or working quietly.

## **Acting Responsibly:**

Every student has a right to be safe. Throughout our lives we must decide how we will act. Students have the right to personal dignity. Every student must recognize that every other student has the same right. It is every student's responsibility not to threaten, or physically harm anyone else, or say things that may hurt their feelings.

## **Respect for Property:**

Every student has the right to have a school which is properly equipped and well cared for. It is each student's responsibility to respect our school and keep it clean. It is also every student's right to have his/her personal property respected and to treat the property of others with respect.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. I have the **right** to learn. It is my **responsibility** to attend school regularly and to be on time. It is my **responsibility** to listen to instruction, work quietly and to raise my hand if I have a question or concern.

2. I have the **right** to hear and be heard. It is my **responsibility** not to talk, shout or make disturbing noises or gestures when others are speaking or working.
3. I have the **right** to feel safe and to be respected. It is my **responsibility** not to threaten or physically harm anyone else, or to tease them or hurt their feelings. It is also my **responsibility** to respect the personal belongings of others.
4. I have the **right** to feel proud of my school. It is my **responsibility** to take an active part in the care of my school.