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Concepts addressed:
Major Laws Related to Students' Rights and Teacher Responsibilities

South Dakota Resources

- "South Dakota Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities" developed by the Attorney General's Office and Department of Education and Cultural Affairs is available at http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/dueprocess/index.asp. This document provides information about the rights and responsibilities of students in South Dakota.
- Each public school district will have school board policies which define student rights and responsibilities in the district, as well as consequences which may be imposed if a student chooses not to follow the policies outlined. It is very important that classroom teachers become familiar with the school board policies in the district in which they teach. Often, the most significant policies are included in each school's teacher and student handbooks.

Website Resources

- National School Board Association Council of School Attorneys - www.nsba.org/cosa
- Safe Schools of South Dakota - www.sdsafeschools.com
- Trends and Issues: School Law - http://eric.uoregon.edu/trends issues/law lindex.html

Textbook Resources


Federal Legislation

- Federal Law Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination that is based on race, color, national origin, or gender.
- The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
- Federal Law Title IX of the Education Act Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination among students on the basis of their gender.
Child Abuse

- Teachers are required to report all suspicions of child abuse. This would include all types of abuse, including physical, emotional or mental, sexual and neglect.
- Each school district will have school board policies and procedures outlining the steps to follow when reporting suspected child abuse and who to contact.