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Students' legal rights outlined

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Does a student have a right to keep quiet when his classmates recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag?
Does a teacher who wrote a nasty thing about a pupil and put the note in the student's file have a right to tone it down the next day? The next month? The next semester?
Does a school have a right to expel high school students who marry? Junior high sweethearts who marry? Pregnant students?
A generation or so ago, the answers to the questions — in order — would have gone like this: No; Yes; Yes; Yes; Yes; Yes; Yes.
But times have changed. The answers today would be just the opposite, due to enactment of federal laws, and even state ones, spelling out students' rights.
Students have so many rights, in fact, that schools almost need a resident lawyer to keep the teaching and administrative staffs from treading on those rights.
Leading the way, as it often does, California has come up with a reasonable substitute for lawyers on school grounds.

It is a 24-page "Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook" covering all such under state and federal law.
Just out, the handbook, published by the California State Department of Education, provides students, parents, guardians and school authorities information about laws and regulations pertaining to public school students, parents and guardians.
Most of the laws covered are for Californians.
But federal laws are also included concerning students, parents and guardians any place in America.
These cover such things as free speech, prohibitions against sex discrimination in phys. ed. shop, home economics and other areas.
Also: the right to confidentiality of school records and the right to inspect records; and the right to have those records not changed once put in a student's folder.
Students, parents, guardians and school persons not fully understanding the rights guaranteed by federal law would find those sections of the handbook eye-opening — whatever their state jurisdiction.

Thomas M. Griffin, chief counsel for the California Department of Education, and Donald R. McKinley, chief deputy superintendent of public instruction, said the handbook primarily is the result of the efforts of high school students.
Some excerpts:
— Dress Codes, Grooming and Appearance: On that touchy subject, hair length, it is noted that two federal court cases have upheld the school district's right to establish regulations for the day-to-day operation of its schools, including its right to develop a dress code, to specify acceptable hair length, and to demand conduct that is conducive to the fulfillment of its responsibility to educate.
— Prayers: The United States Supreme Court has held that compulsory verbal prayer in the public schools is a violation of the First Amendment prohibition against the establishment of religion. Under the First Amendment prohibition, the displaying of a nativity scene on school premises may be in violation of the United States Constitution. Symbols of Christmas, such as Santa

Claus, a Christmas tree, reindeer, holly wreaths and yule logs may fall into the category of permitted display items.
— Student Newspapers: Student independent newspapers, so-called underground press, are protected by the First Amendment from suppression by public school officials. The courts have held that such newspapers can be distributed on public school premises without prior censorship — provided they don't contain libelous or obscene material.
— Sex Discrimination: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 provides that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits

of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal funds.
— Information disclosure: The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 gives parents and guardians a right to a child's records. The editing or withholding of any information in such records is prohibited.
Discipline, punishment, searches and seizures on school premises are among the dozen of topics covered in this handbook.
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Mud threatens oil platforms, Ag team seeks to forestall it

A gentle shove from a sea of mud of the Mississippi Delta can topple multi-million dollar oil well platforms. Designed for the stresses of wind and sea, the platforms dotting the coastline are encountering an unexpected threat from the sea floor itself.
Studies by an ocean-going research group from Texas A&M University, however, are producing new evidence aimed at stopping these disasters.
"We have measured several inches of backward and forward movement of mud, hundreds of feet thick, with each wave passing by the platforms," said Dr. Wayne Dunlap, one of the project coordinators. That was during mild storms. Under hurricane conditions, we suspect this movement could be as much as several feet," he said.
Dunlap is working with Texas A&M oceanographer Dr. William Bryant in the research program.
Their study is part of a series of studies known as the Mississippi Delta Project, sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey.
To aid in the research effort, the Texas A&M team was recently awarded a \$197,000 grant from the U.S. Geological Survey to continue its research through 1978.
The Mississippi Delta area is one of the primary locations for these sea floor shifts. It also is one of the most prolific oil producing areas in this country.

Dunlap calls it "feeling the bottom."
"Here is this mass of weak sediment moving with the waves," described Dunlap. "As the mud moves, it presses against the legs of the oil platforms and at times will push them over."
"They were designed for wind and waves. Nobody ever thought mud would knock them over," he said.
The first time scientists knew of the mud shifts was when Hurricane Camille hit in 1969. One platform was toppled completely and two others were badly damaged.
Even today, the research team does not have a precise way of determining what is happening in the bottom sediment, explained Dunlap. The problem is that under the mud line, gas is forming. Whenever a sample was brought to the surface, the gas would decompress and badly disturb the sample.
"That is why we are very proud of

a new mechanism we have developed which will take a core sample from 100 to 200-feet below the mud line without any loss of gas pressure," said Dunlap. "By not letting it decompress, we can tell what strength it held while it was still under the ground."
After being taken from the sea, the pressurized sample will be sent to Bethesda, Md., where it will be tested in a diving chamber under the same conditions as below the sea floor. With the sediment intact, the Texas A&M researchers can determine its strength characteristics.
The research should mean a big savings in losses and damage to oil production equipment. Ordinarily an oil platform in 200 feet of water costs more than \$7 million, excluding drilling equipment.
A platform designed for mud movement may cost nearly twice as much, but it should still be there after a hurricane, Dunlap said.

"Our problem is we need to get some idea of the forces pushing against the platform legs when the mud moves."
The soft sediment is hundreds of feet thick, Dunlap explained. It has built up so quickly where the Mississippi flows into the Gulf of Mexico that it has not had time to settle. The result is a large expanse of mud that is basically very weak.
Oil companies learned long ago how to drive piles through the sediment to firm ground, Dunlap said, but the problem they found later was the sediment is so weak it starts moving down the slope or moves back and forth with the waves.
When a storm or hurricane moves into these shallow land areas under 300 feet, the sea bottom moves.



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