North Little Rock School District

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The North Little Rock School District has been made aware of discussions on social media and among activist groups regarding a student walkout at schools nationwide to protest the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE.

The North Little Rock School District's top priority is to ensure the safety and security of students and staff. Therefore, any action that threatens to disrupt teaching and learning, such as walkouts and protests, will **not** be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the NLRSD Parent-Student Handbook.

One of the most fundamental rights guaranteed to American citizens is enshrined in the First Amendment. As an educational institution, we strive to teach students how to exercise this right responsibly and with respect for others. Actions such as protests during instructional time raise significant safety concerns and fall outside the school's role and responsibilities. Because instructional time is both precious and limited, it should remain focused exclusively on academic learning. The North Little Rock School District encourages students to engage in lawful civic discourse; however, actions that disrupt the school day and the effective functioning of the school are strictly prohibited.

We strongly encourage parents and caregivers to review the expectations of the school day with their students and to reinforce the consequences for failing to adhere to school policy.

Thank you for being a part of the North Little Rock School District.