

**THE REGENTS BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN**  
**A Statement of Principles and Goals**

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- I. All children have the right to a healthy, secure, nurturing infancy and early childhood.
- II. All children have the right to live in circumstances which permit healthy intellectual, emotional, physical, and moral development.
- III. All children have the right to a free, sound, basic education.
- IV. Each child has the right to an education appropriate for his or her individual needs.
- V. All children have the right to an education which respects their culture, race, socioeconomic background, and the language of their home.
- VI. All children have the right to schools and educational programs which are effective.
- VII. All children have the right to educational programs which prepare them for jobs, for college, for responsible family life, and for citizenship in a self-governing society.
- VIII. All children have the right to pursue their education without fear.
- IX. All children have the right to the resources needed to secure their educational rights.
- X. All children are entitled to an education which involves responsibilities as well as rights.

The BOCES adopts the Regents Bill of Rights for Children, not as a legal entitlement, but rather as a statement of commitment to provide each student with the education he/she needs to take positive control of their lives. The BOCES pledges to provide effective programs to students of all abilities and ages.

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