

TEACHER BILL OF RIGHTS

Teachers have a right to teach, and students have a right to learn, in reasonably safe and orderly classrooms.



- Wisconsin's **Teacher Bill of Rights (AB 614)** creates protections for teachers and students by strengthening teachers' authority to manage their classrooms, requiring parental notification when serious incidents occur, and establishing clear accountability so teachers can focus on teaching.
- **AB 614** addresses specific problems teachers have raised for years about inconsistent discipline and lack of administrative support:
 - ✓ **Clarifies when teachers can remove disruptive or violent students** from the classroom so instruction can continue for everyone else.
 - ✓ **Requires clear re-entry procedures** so students are not automatically returned to class without a plan to address their behavior.
 - ✓ **Mandates parental notification** whenever a student is removed from class, or when a student is involved in or witness to a serious classroom incident.
 - ✓ **Protects teachers from retaliation** when they act in good faith to maintain classroom safety and order.
 - ✓ **Provides a limited enforcement mechanism** for parents if districts fail to comply.

Surveys and data show a troubling trend in classrooms across the state and nation:

- Nearly **half of teachers** report that administrators only sometimes, or never, enforce student conduct rules.
- Over **one in four teachers** say they sometimes fear for their physical safety at school.
- Wisconsin schools report **thousands of incidents** of disorderly conduct, fighting, and threats each year, with many more low-level disruptions not captured in official data.

Despite this, current Wisconsin law offers little direction on removals, re-entry, or parental communication, leaving teachers without support and parents without information.

Wisconsin must ensure that teachers have the authority and support they need to maintain an orderly classrooms, while keeping parents informed and students safe.



Support AB 614, the Teacher Bill of Rights, by Representative Joy Goeben and Senator Rachel Cabral Guevara to empower teachers and protect learning in Wisconsin classrooms.