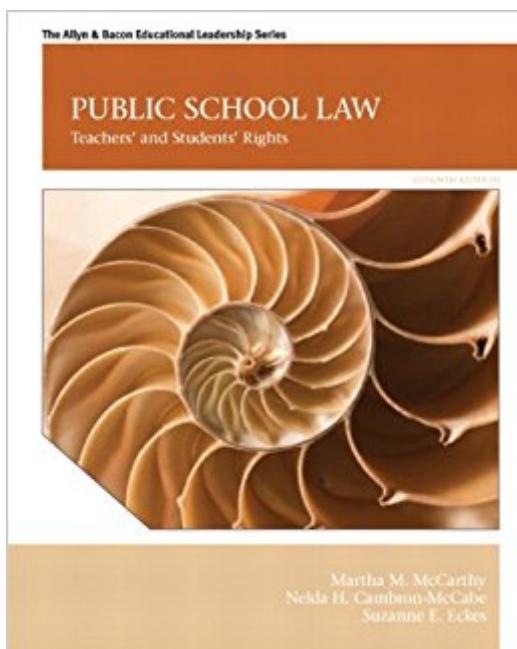


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# Public School Law: Teachers' And Students' Rights (7th Edition)



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I'm just an average teacher trying to stay out of trouble. For example, I just KNOW that kid has a cell phone - can I ask him to empty his pockets? This book provides a lot of great information, presented in a way that a non-lawyer can understand and digest. The information is presented in a way that is relevant to both teachers and administrators. It's geared towards federal laws, with comments about when and how state laws may modify things. (I'd like to find a version of this book oriented specifically to my state, now!) The best part of this book was the end-chapter summaries, which made good, helpful generalizations. The biggest weakness of this book was the organization. I read it cover-to-cover, and I didn't notice any issues. However, later, when I wanted to go back to a specific topic, the index and table of contents weren't as helpful as they could have been. I eventually found the section I wanted, but it was more work than it should have been.

Just like in any career, the difference between the very good and the truly great is a bit of extra effort. I'm certain every teacher can benefit from this book. *Public School Law* explains the legal foundations of school boards and administrative bodies. The section on student records was enlightening. I learned also about the legal ramifications of rules imposed on students including attendance requirements, hairstyle and attire. This is not a difficult book to read. I recommend it for all educators.

I had to purchase this for one of my teacher credentialing classes. It was dense at times, but I like

that at the end of each chapter they have a summary of the main points. It made reading it a lot easier. The only thing I didn't like was the price. I don't really see why it's so expensive.

This book has been set up perfectly! I am amazed that I graduated with a degree in education and was never required to take a course covering this material. Every future or current teacher needs to have a copy on hand and should probably read it before entering the classroom.

's price was compatible with everyone else for a slightly used book. I paid extra for the 2 day shipping, and it was delivered the next day! The book was in great shape for "used", with just a little bit of highlighting, which I would have done anyway. I used gift certificates that I bought in a store, and then I paid extra with a credit card. The whole checkout process on-line was so quick & easy. As for the book itself, it has very small print, but it's full of useful information. I copied the first chapter and then enlarged it, so it would be easier to read. After that, I got used to the print size. I will probably keep the book for future reference.

Great resource... Pricy but /something I will use more and more

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