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# Join S.M.A.R.T

*Interested in Joining S.M.A.R.T? Question?*

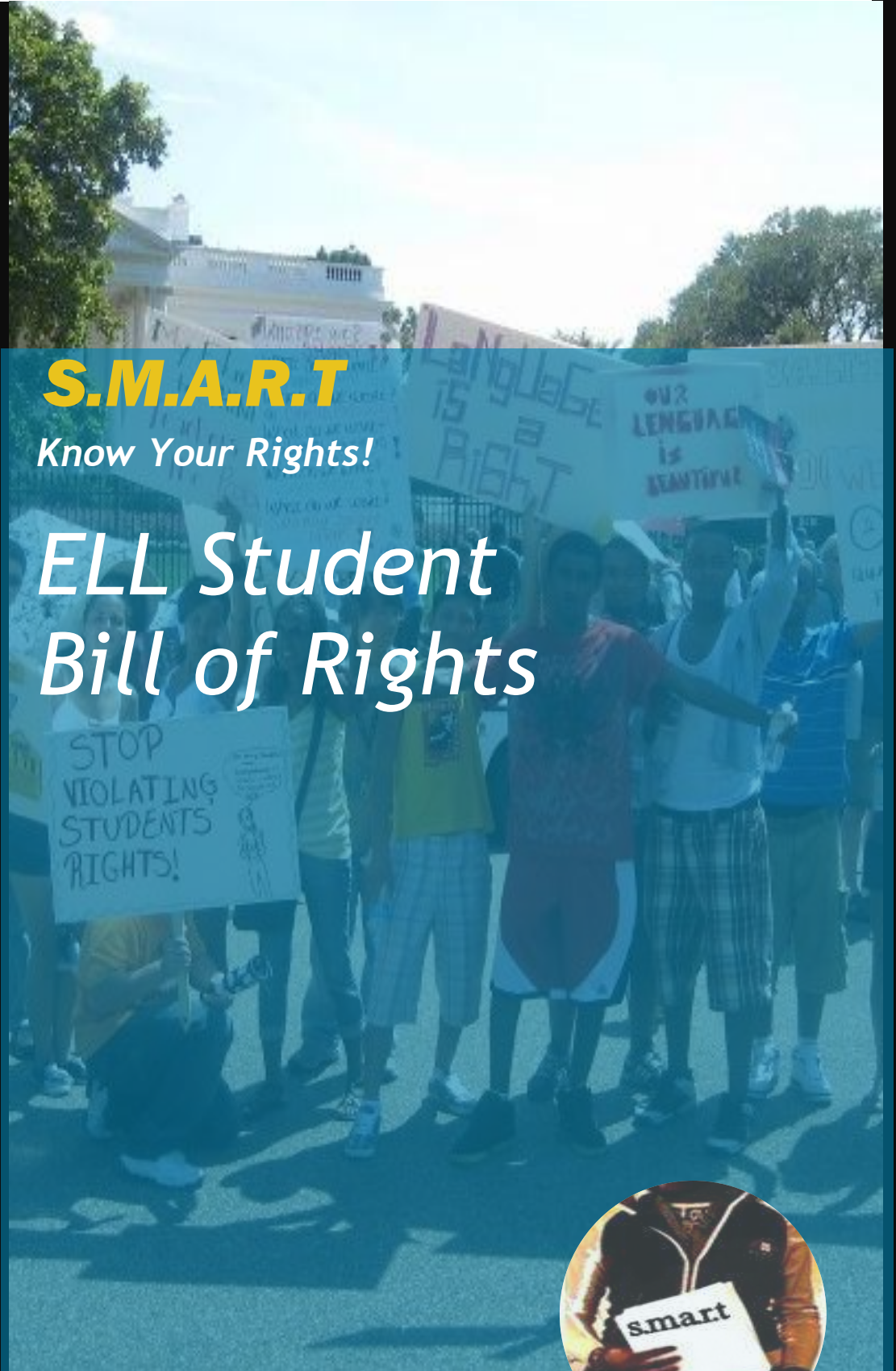
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**S.M.A.R.T**

Know Your Rights!

## ELL Student Bill of Rights



**What rights do student who  
are learning English have in  
schools?**

**The ELL Student Bill of Rights is a re-creation of the DC Student Bill of Rights. It has been written by student organizers: Yonatan Abune, Solomon Kassahun, Tewodros Kassahun, Tensaye Solomon and Samuael Seyoum. 2011**





# How can you defend your rights?

**JOIN S.M.A.R.T OR CREATE A GROUP OF YOUR OWN!**

S.M.A.R.T organizers identify, discuss and analyze problems they are facing in schools and then create and conduct surveys to determine how their peers are being affected by these issues. Once the data is gathered and analyzed, organizers meet with decision-makers to share this information and their own vision of quality education for all ELL students. S.M.A.R.T has chapters at Wilson, Roosevelt, Coolidge, and Cardozo. If you would like to create a S.M.A.R.T branch at your school, contact us! [karina@mloudc.org](mailto:karina@mloudc.org)



a multicultural environment is one that celebrates different cultures and languages!



## Equal Opportunities

ELL students have the right to participate in school activities even when those activities require the student to speak English. Students should be able to participate and engage in those activities even if his/her first language is not English. ELL students have the right to participate in school activities without being subject to unlawful discrimination because of LANGUAGE, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age.

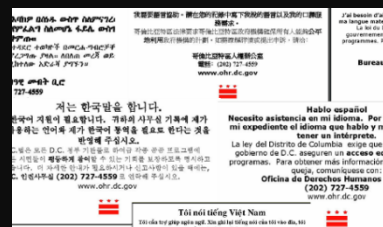


## Feeling Safe in School

No student should feel like they are being mistreated physically, mentally, or emotionally because of their race, culture, and accent or for speaking their native language. Feeling attacked by other students, teachers, administrators or security guards is a problem that students do not have to live with. Each ELL student has the right to protection inside the school and outside the school building.

## Speak up... in any language!

If you feel unsafe, discriminated or alone- speak up! There are many others who may feel the same way. This is the first and most important way of defending your rights.



Interpretation and Translation

Schools should provide translation and interpretation services to those who need it. All ELL students have the right to receive respect from teachers, administrators and staff even though they speak



Speaking to Counselors

All ELL students and their parents have the right to get satisfactory consultations from teachers, counselors, administrators and other school personnel. ELL students also have the right to complain to school authorities regarding issues that may affect his/her academic life.



Vegetarian or Fasting?

All students have the right to eat healthy food. Students who may be fasting, are vegan or vegetarian should have the options at school for eating healthy non-meat or dairy products. No student should go hungry at school.

