

Students

Freedom of Speech/Expression

Students have the right to reasonably express opinions, to take stands, and to support causes. The school shall supervise and curtail any unreasonable expression of points of view as allowed by law.

In imposing limitations on student expression for any reason under the provisions of this policy, the school must ensure that its rules are applied on a nondiscriminatory basis and in a manner designed to assure reasonable freedom of expression to the students without endangering the health or safety of other students.

Limitations

Students shall not be allowed to distribute materials, wear buttons, badges or other insignia, or post notices or other materials that:

1. Are obscene to minors according to current legal definitions.
2. Are libelous or slanderous according to current legal definitions.
3. Incite students, express or advocate racial, ethnic, sexual or religious prejudice so as to create and clear and present danger or the imminent commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
4. Are distributed, displayed or circulated in violation of the time, place and manner requirements.
5. In the opinion of the principal and/or teacher are inappropriate for the school classroom environment.

Approval of materials

All printed material posted or distributed on campus or in the immediate vicinity of school property, including but not limited to, all petitions, circulars, leaflets and newspapers and all material displayed on bulletin boards shall be submitted to the principal's office at least twenty-four hours prior to such display or distribution. Approval or disapproval of such material shall be in accordance with the standards specified above.

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Freedom of Speech/Expression (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48907 Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

48950 Speech and other communication

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 2 Freedom of speech and expression

U.S. CONSTITUTION

Amendment 1 Freedom of speech and expression

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