



4.40.071-AD Student Freedom Of Expression And Assembly – Guidelines

- (1) Freedom of expression is a Constitutional right and is an important element in the learning process.
- (2) Freedom of expression includes the right of individual students to discuss issues and to hand out and receive political literature and to wear political buttons and other badges of symbolic expression.
- (3) An important goal at each school is to:
 - (a) Instruct in respect for persons without regard to their age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation;
 - (b) Teach how to avoid the dangers of drugs and alcohol;
 - (c) Teach successful and appropriate decorum in the workplace;
 - (d) Teach successful work and social habit.
- (4) A student shall not hand out, display or disseminate materials on school property during school activities that:
 - (a) Are reasonably likely to substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities;
 - (b) Are patently sexually offensive to minors in depicting sexual conduct which, taken as a whole:
 - (A) Appeal solely to the prurient interest in sex; and
 - (B) Lack, for school purposes, literary, artistic, political or scientific value.
 - (c) Violate laws;
 - (d) Aid or abet the violation of attendance regulations;
 - (e) Aid or abet the use of illegal drugs, alcohol or criminal activities.
- (5) Students may meet at school to express their views. The time and place of the meetings should comply with school rules and not interfere with school programs. Students should check with the principal to learn the school's rules on places and times to meet.

(6) Students may hand out written material at meetings subject to school rules that limit the times, places and manner of handing out such material.

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