

Policy 504.10

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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Student Freedom of Expression

Student expression must be appropriate to assure that the students learn and meet the goals of the school or learning activity and that the potential audience is not exposed to material that may be harmful or inappropriate for their level of maturity. Student expression made on the school district premises or under the jurisdiction of the school district or as part of a school-sponsored activity may not be attributed to the school district.

Students will be allowed to express their viewpoints and opinions as long as the expression is responsible and does not disrupt the educational environment classroom or otherwise. The expression shall not, in the judgment of the administration, encourage the breaking of laws, defamation of persons, be obscene or indecent, or cause a material or substantial disruption to the education program. The administration, when making this judgment, shall consider whether the activity in which the expression was made is school-sponsored. The expression must be done in a reasonable time, place, and manner that is not disruptive to the orderly and efficient operation of the school district.

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary measures. Employees shall be responsible for insuring student's expression in keeping with this policy.

Legal Reference: U.S. const. Amend. I
Hazelwood School Dist. V. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)
Bethel School Dist. V. Fraser, 478 U.S.-675 (1986)
Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Comm. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
Bystrom v. Fridley High School, 822 F.2nd 747 (8th Cir. 1987)

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