

STUDENT EXPRESSION RIGHT

While students do not relinquish their constitutional rights when they enter the school or engage in school-related activities, it is the Board of Education's responsibility to adopt reasonable rules necessary to maintain proper discipline among students and create an effective learning environment.

For purposes of this policy, student expression includes expression in any media, including but not limited to written, oral, visual, audio, and electronic media in any classroom and/or other school related activities, assignments, and projects.

Students shall not turn in, present, publish, or distribute expression that is disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school, as follows:

1. Is obscene, profane, or vulgar.
2. Is libelous, slanderous, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful under state law.
3. False at to any person who is not a public figure or involved in a matter of public concern.
4. Creates a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts, the violation of lawful school regulations, or the material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
5. Violates the rights of others to privacy.
6. Threatens violence to property or persons.
7. Attacks any person because of race, color, sex, age, religion, national background, disability, or handicap.
8. Tends to create hostility or otherwise disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process.
9. Advocates illegal acts of any kind, including the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol.

Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action against the student consistent with district student discipline policies.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-120 (rights of free expression for public school students)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(r) (power to exclude materials that are immoral or pernicious)

CROSS REFS.: JICDA, Code of Conduct
JICDD*, Violent and Aggressive Behavior
JICEC*, Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials
JK, Student Discipline