

STUDENTS**Freedom of Expression**

The free expression of student opinion is an important part of education in a democratic society. Students' verbal and written expression of opinion on school premises is encouraged so long as it does not substantially disrupt the operation of the school or otherwise violate district policy or procedure. Students are expressly prohibited from the use of vulgar and/or offensive terms in classroom or assembly settings.

The superintendent shall develop guidelines assuring that students are able to enjoy free expression of opinion while maintaining orderly conduct of the school. Such procedures shall impose limits on the time, place, and manner of such expression.

Students whose expression causes a substantial disruption of school activities or otherwise materially interferes with school operations shall be subject to corrective action, including suspension or expulsion, consistent with student discipline policies.

Cross references:	Board Policy 2340	Religious-Related Activities and Practices
	Procedure 3220P	Freedom of Expression
	Board Policy 3222	Distribution of Materials
	Board Policy 3224	Student Dress
	Board Policy 4140	Distribution of Information
	Board Policy 4321	Contests, Advertising and Promotions

Legal references:	Chapter 28A.600 RCW	Students
	SSB 5064 Chapter 125, Laws of 2018, Student Freedom of Expression	

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