

WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED  
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors'

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: HATE SYMBOLS

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Washington Central Unified Union School District strives to create a learning environment conducive to student achievement, creativity and exploration. An environment in which students use their opportunities to experience their power to create and change themselves and their environment. Hate symbols indefensibly dishonor those goals. Yet, free speech values protect, but do not extol, the right to be wrong. Censorship may punish or suppress harmful speech but it does not change minds.

It is the sense of the WCUUSD Board of School Directors that symbols, lettering, or insignia associated with organizations that promote hatred or violence or that support white supremacy, such as Confederate symbolism, and the swastika, interfere with the orderly operation of our schools.

To unwaveringly protect all student's rights to a safe educational environment, the WCUUSD School Board directs administrative officials to vigorously and promptly enforce our Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying and Student Self-Expression Policies to thwart and respond to the undeniably harmful effects with which hate symbols sully our educational community.

These policies should be enforced to combat symbol, lettering or insignia associated with organizations that promote hatred or violence or that support racial supremacy.