

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

STUDENTS

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The process of educating students for responsible citizenship in a democratic society requires that they be afforded reasonable opportunity to exercise the rights of freedom of speech and expression in the context of the public school environment.

Students may exercise their right to freedom of expression through speech, assembly, petition, and other lawful means. The exercise of this right may not interfere with the rights of others or with the operations of the regular school program. Freedom of expression shall not be construed to permit the presentation of material that tends to be obscene or slanderous; to defame character; or to advocate violation of federal, state, and local laws or official school policies, rules, and regulations. Students also have responsibilities that include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and obedience to school rules and regulations. Students share in the responsibility of developing a climate in the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living. Students also have the responsibility to develop tolerance for the viewpoints of others.

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