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Free Expression by Students

The board of education recognizes that students do not shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gate. However, the board of education is responsible for balancing those rights against its responsibility to provide a program of education for students in this district. The board is authorized to preserve order, so that the system may function properly.

Students may not engage in any expressive conduct that causes a material and substantial disruption to the educational program; that is lewd, obscene, profane, defamatory, threatening, or contains "fighting words;" that advocates the use of substances that are illegal to minors; that incites violence or constitutes a "true threat;" or that urges the violation of law or school rules. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with law and board policy.

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