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FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

Students are prohibited from making any expressions or distributing, posting or displaying any materials or the following types of written or electronic communications on school premises, at a school activity, or at any time that the speech substantially disrupts or is reasonably likely to disrupt a school's or the district's operations or educational programs:

a) slurs and similarly offensive terms or comments regarding an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, or any other unlawful consideration;
b) speech or images that violate district policies prohibiting discrimination, bullying or harassment;
c) threats of violence against an individual or group;
d) speech or images that invade another person's privacy;
e) speech or images that endanger the health or safety of another person;
f) speech or images that libel or slander, in the absence of privilege, any person or persons;
g) speech or images that advocate the use by minors or advertises the availability of any substance or material that is illegal for minors, or that is designed specifically to facilitate the use of such substances and materials (e.g., drug paraphernalia);
h) obscenity or pervasively vulgar or lewd material deemed to be harmful to impressionable students;
i) speech or images that incite the violation of school rules, or that incite violence or the violation of law at school, on school grounds, or in connection with a school activity; and
j) speech or images that cause, or in school officials' reasonable judgment appear likely to cause, a substantial disruption to school or district operations or programs.

In order for expression to be considered disruptive, there must exist specific facts upon which the likelihood of disruption may be forecasted.

Posting and distribution of written and printed materials may be regulated by school rules establishing places and times for distribution, in order not to disrupt the school's operations and programs.

Written and printed materials and petitions may not be distributed during class time or in a location that interferes with student movement to or between classes and activities. Students may not use any means to coerce or induce other students to accept the receipt of materials or to sign petitions. Donations or fees may not be solicited or collected for any material distributed.

Wrangell Public Schools will not advertise for any substances that are not legal for minors.

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