

Hermiston School District 8R

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Freedom of Expression

One of the basic purposes of education is to prepare students for responsible self-expression in a democratic society. Citizens in our democracy are permitted free expression under the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. Students, as citizens, have the right to free expression and must bear the responsibility for the consequences of such expression.

Freedom of expression, as defined by federal and state law and by Board policy, will be guaranteed to teachers to create a classroom atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with controversial issues.

The teacher is responsible for exercising judgment in selecting and presenting relevant, meaningful topics of educational value for discussion.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.880](#)
[ORS 339.885](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 4071-4074.
Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).
Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260, (1988).
United States Constitution, Article I and XIV.
Oregon State Constitution, Article I, Section 8.

Cross Reference(s):

IGDA - Student Organizations