

Lane Education Service District Policy

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Freedom of Expression

The Board seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of expression includes the right and responsibility of educators and students to study, investigate, present, interpret and discuss all facts and ideas relevant to the subject matter of the classroom and appropriate to the maturity, intellectual and emotional capacities of the students. Freedom of expression will be guaranteed to Lane ESD school teachers to create a classroom atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

Teachers are responsible for exercising judgment in selecting issues of educational value for discussion.

Students are required to exercise their rights fairly, responsibly and in a manner not disruptive to other individuals or to the educational process.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 334.125 (7)
ORS 339.880
ORS 339.885

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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, Articles I and XIV.
Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 8.

Cross Reference(s):

INB - Studying Controversial Issues