

Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **IB**
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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, as defined by federal and state law and as augmented by Board policy, will be guaranteed to teachers to create a classroom atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

The teacher is responsible for exercising judgment in selecting issues of educational value for discussion.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).

Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.

OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.