

**North Santiam  
School 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.

Academic freedom, as defined 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

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

HB 3279 (2007)

[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. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

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

OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.