

Sherman County S. D.

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 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.

FREEDOM OF STUDENT INQUIRY AND EXPRESSION

1. Generally, students and student organizations are free to examine and discuss questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately within the school system, provided such examination and expression is fair and responsible and is not disruptive to other individuals or to the educational process. Students may support or oppose causes by orderly means which do not disrupt other individuals or the operation of the school.
2. In the classroom, students are free to examine views offered in any course of study, provided such examination is expressed in a responsible manner.

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