

**Saint Helens
School District 502**

Code: **IB**
Adopted: 8/23/99
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Orig. Code(s): IB

Freedom of Expression

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

Academic freedom within the confines of state law and Board policy will be guaranteed to teachers in order to create in the classroom an atmosphere of freedom which allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

The teacher is responsible for exercising good judgment in selecting issues for discussion which are of educational value to the students involved.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.477](#)
[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. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.
OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.

Cross Reference(s):

IGDA - Student Organizations
IGDB - Student Publications
INB - Studying Controversial Issues
JFI - Student Demonstrations and Petitions