

Students

Freedom of Speech/Expression

The Brookfield Public School district recognizes and protects the right of student expression. Responsible criticism and reasonable dissent are basic to the free expression of ideas. No idea will be suppressed simply because it is not shared by the majority. However, expressions which involve false statements, disruptive or potentially dangerous content, the use of obscenities, and advocacy of violation of law or official school regulations shall not be protected. Student speech, whether oral or written, should not threaten or disrupt the interests of an orderly and efficient healthy growth and development of all students.

Students who violate the tenets of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Legal Reference: *Tinker vs. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, 393 U.S., 503 (1969)

Grayned vs. City of Rockford, 408 U.S. 104 (1972)

Amendment to U.S. Constitution - Article 1

Connecticut Constitution, ARTICLE FIRST, Declaration of Rights, Sections 4, 5

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 9/09/81)

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