

# Mitchell School District #55

Code: IB

Adopted: 01/09/08

## 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.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal References:

ORS 332.072  
ORS 332.107  
ORS 339.880  
ORS 339.885

OAR 581-021-0050  
OAR 581-021-0055

Equal Access Act, P.L. 98-377, Title III, U.S.C. Title 20, Sections 4071-4074,  
98 Stat. 1302.

Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226, 110 S. Ct. 2356  
(1990).

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 108 S.Ct. 562 (1988).

### Cross References:

Policy IGDB - Student Publications  
Policy INB - Studying Controversial Issues