

SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDENT EXPRESSION

The Peru Central School District Board of Education encourages student expression in its many forms, including school newspapers, yearbooks, classroom presentations, art exhibits and concerts.

The Board believes these activities are an important part of student learning and enrich the life of the school community.

All school-sponsored opportunities for student expression will comply with the rules set forth in this policy and in the Code of Conduct. Libelous statements, unfounded charges and accusations, obscenity, false statements; materials or performances advocating racial or religious prejudice, hatred, violence, the breaking of laws and school policies and/or regulations; or materials or performances designed to disrupt the educational process will not be permitted.

In addition, the school-sponsored activities listed above are not considered public forums. In such cases, the Board reserves the right to edit or delete such student expression which it believes is inconsistent with the district's basic educational mission.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct
5225, Student Personal Expression

Ref: *Morse v. Frederick*, 127 S Ct 2618 (2007)
Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 US 260, 108 S Ct 562, (1988) (limits on student free speech rights in school-sponsored student publications *Bethel School District v. Fraser*, 478 US 675 (1986)
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School Dist., 393 US 503, (1969) (limits on student free speech rights in school setting)
Thomas v. Board of Education, Granville Central School Dist., 607 F 2d 1043 (1979)
Trachtman v. Anker, et al., 563 F 2d 512 (1977) *Frasca v. Andrew et al.*, 463 F Supp 1043 (1979) *Matter of Beil and Scariati*, 26 EDR 109(1986)

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