

## SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Student expression, made on the school district premises or under the jurisdiction of the school district or as part of a school-sponsored activity may be attributed to the school district; therefore, student expression must be responsible. Student expression must be appropriate to assure that the students learn and meet the goals of the school activity and that the potential audience is not exposed to material that may be harmful or inappropriate for their level of maturity.

Students will be allowed to express their viewpoints and opinions subject to the following limitations. The expression will not, in the judgment of the administration, encourage the breaking of laws, cause defamation of persons, be profane, be obscene or indecent, cause a material and substantial disruption to the educational program, or be discriminatory based on race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, national origin, creed, socioeconomic status, or religion. The administration, when making this judgment, will consider whether the activity in which the expression was made is school-sponsored and furthers an educational purpose. Further, the expression must be done in a reasonable time, place and manner that is not disruptive to the orderly and efficient operation of the school district.

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary measures. Employees will be responsible for ensuring students' expression is in keeping with this policy. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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