



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Freedom of Speech/Expression

The process of educating students for responsible citizenship in our democratic society requires reasonable opportunity for them to exercise the right to freedom of speech and expression in the interest of the public school environment.

The purpose of this policy is to insure the exercise of these rights with due regard for the rights of others and the need for reasonable restriction in the operation of the public school system.

Speech or expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous according to current legal definitions shall be prohibited. Also prohibited shall be speech or expression which incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on the school premises, or the violation of lawful school regulations including this or any other Board policy or administrative regulation, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

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