

FILE: JF

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Each student has a right to an education. Student behavior that unduly disrupts classwork, involves substantial disorder or invades the rights of others shall not be tolerated. Students are expected to obey the rules of conduct and other school regulations. It is their responsibility to behave in a manner which will reflect favorably on their school.

Students may exercise their right to freedom of expression through speech, petition and other lawful means. The exercise of this right may not interfere with the rights of others. Freedom of expression may not be utilized to present material which tends to be obscene or slanderous, or to defame character, or to advocate violation of federal, state and local laws, or official school policies, rules and regulations.

Teachers and students should promote tolerance for the views and opinions of others, as well as for the right of an individual to form and hold different opinions or beliefs.

No right is absolute. Every right has its limitations. One basic limitation is this: the freedom of an individual or group to exercise rights ceases when that exercise unduly infringes upon the rights of others. Since the legitimate right of individuals may be incompatible, it is necessary to recognize that rights must be balanced to protect as many persons as possible.

CROSS REFERENCE: JB, JB-R, JFC, JFCD, and INB
LEGAL REFERENCE: Article I, Wisconsin Constitution, §118.13 & 120.13(1), Wis. Stats. & PI 9.03(1), Wis. Admin. Code