

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

Fair Chance High School Model Student Speech Rights Policy

1.10 Student Speech Rights

Fair Chance High School seeks to establish an atmosphere in each classroom and the school that actively fosters a “marketplace of ideas” and respect for the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Our school recognizes that students deserve a forum for expressing ideas and being exposed to a variety of perspectives. We also recognize that teachers and school officials have a duty to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

1.11 Student Speech Rights Policy

While recognizing that students retain their right to expression on matters of public concern, student speech in a school-sponsored forum which encourages illegal substance use, or can be reasonably identified as vulgar, lewd or plainly offensive is prohibited.

Speech which creates a threatening school environment for other students or staff members is also prohibited.

Any speech, including symbolic speech or pranks, which is substantially disruptive, is prohibited in any school-sponsored forum.