

DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERS

The constitutional guarantees of free speech and assembly are basic and fundamental to our way of life and encompass peaceful social protest. The rights of free speech and assembly in our society can be guaranteed only when the public order is maintained. For these reasons we maintain there is no place for violence or disorder in our society dedicated to liberty under law.

The rights of all persons must be safeguarded. The right of peaceful protest or the right of freedom of expression in District schools does not mean that everyone with a grievance or opinion or belief to express may do so at any time and at any place. Orderly processes are available through the adopted policies and the regularly scheduled, public and open meetings of the Board of Trustees.

It is, therefore, the policy of this District that all pupils and all persons coming in contact with pupils and employees going about their school duties shall abide by all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the schools.

The Superintendent and all staff members shall make and enforce the rules and regulations necessary to implement this policy to insure that the educational program of District schools be safeguarded from disorder.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy the following definitions shall apply:

Demonstration: A public display of opinion intended to bring about disorder.

Disorder: Any act of a person or group that constitutes an imminent threat to the orderly conduct of the school which results in serious disruption of classes or school functions.

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