

**Linn Benton Lincoln
Education Service District**

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Freedom of Expression

The Board seeks to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of expression includes the right and responsibility of educators and students to study, investigate, present, interpret and discuss all facts and ideas relevant to the subject matter of the classroom and appropriate to the maturity, intellectual and emotional capacities of the students. Freedom of expression will be guaranteed to the ESD staff to create an atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

Teachers are responsible for exercising judgment in selecting issues of educational value for discussion.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

HB 3279 (2007)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).

Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.

OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.