

## STUDENTS

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

§8-61      Student Speech and Expression

Students have the right to freedom of speech during non-instructional times and outside of classrooms or other areas where instruction is occurring. Such freedom of speech includes not only oral communications, but other expressive conduct by students, such as publications. This right does not extend to or include speech or other expressive conduct that:

1.      Advocates the commission of a crime or a violation of school board policies or regulations, or such speech or expressive conduct that would violate the law or School Board policy;
2.      Is obscene, pornographic, or harmful to juveniles;
3.      Is hate speech, defamatory or causes personal humiliation to others; or
4.      Leads to, or is likely to lead to, substantial disruption or material interference with school activities.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia: § [18.2-390](#), § [18.2-372](#)

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