

POLICY TITLE: <b>Student Rights and Responsibilities - Expression</b>		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE:	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED: 8/23/1999	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED: 5/20/2002
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: <b>Students</b>		

The school recognizes that students have the right to form and express opinions, to take stands on issues, and to support causes both publicly or privately. The school will not unlawfully interfere with these liberties, and will allow students to freely express controversial points of view. When necessary, the school may abridge the free rights of students using methods designed only to adjust these rights to the needs of the school community. The school has the right to impose restrictions to insure that the rights of all students are protected. It is the student's responsibility to see that his/her freedom of expression does not hinder the education or the rights of others, but should contribute to an atmosphere where all members of the educational community can share opinions and beliefs.

### **Board Approval Acknowledged By:**

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Patricia L. Skebeck, Secretary and Treasurer  
Board of Education of Harford County

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REFERENCE 2 TYPE: Legal	REFERENCE 2 NO.	REFERENCE 2 DESCRIPTION: Statement on Rights and Responsibilities for Harford County Schools 1982			
REFERENCE 3 TYPE: Legal	REFERENCE 3 NO.	REFERENCE 3 DESCRIPTION: Maryland State Guidelines for Students' Rights and Responsibilities, 1994			
REFERENCE 4 TYPE:	REFERENCE 4 NO.	REFERENCE 4 DESCRIPTION:			
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