

BEEVILLE ISD BOARD POLICY FNA (LOCAL)

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STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
STUDENT EXPRESSION

FNA
(LOCAL)

ESTABLISHMENT OF
CAMPUS LIMITED
PUBLIC FORUM

District schools shall provide at each campus a limited public forum for students to speak publicly.

PLACE AND TIME

The responsible administrator at each campus shall designate a readily accessible place suitable in size and location as a limited public forum for public speech by students. The responsible administrator shall publish a schedule of periods during non-instructional time in the school day when the campus limited public forum shall be available for public speech by students. Such periods shall be no less than 10 minutes and no more than 30 minutes each month. Campus administrators will develop procedures appropriate as per age of the students

ELIGIBILITY

All students authorized to be present on campus and not otherwise required to be in attendance in class or at some other school activity or school-sponsored activity are eligible to be present and engage in voluntary public speech at the campus limited public forum. Individuals who are not District students are not eligible to speak at the campus limited public forum.

CONTENT

A student speaking publicly at a campus limited public forum may speak on any subject, but may not engage in speech that:

1. Is obscene, vulgar, or offensively lewd;
2. Is materially and substantially disruptive of school activities or the rights of others; or
3. Advocates imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

DISCLAIMER

Students who speak publicly at a campus limited open forum are volunteers who have not been selected or appointed by the District. The content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District. This disclaimer shall be prominently posted and displayed at each campus limited public forum for student public speech.

STUDENT SPEAKERS AT SCHOOL- SPONSORED EVENTS	Students may be chosen or allowed to speak at school-sponsored events. The following provisions will govern the eligibility, selection, and content requirements related to such student speakers.
ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION	<p>All student speakers at school sponsored events, including graduation ceremonies, shall be selected based on neutral criteria.</p> <p>Certain students who have attained special positions of honor in the school, based on neutral criteria, have traditionally addressed school audiences from time to time as a tangential component of their achieved positions of honor. Nothing in this policy eliminates the continuation of the practice of having these students address school audiences in the normal course of their respective positions.</p>
CONTENT	<p>The subject of the speech of any student speaking at a school-sponsored event shall be clearly designated in advance. Students shall speak only on the designated subject.</p> <p>The content of the speech of any student introducing or closing a school event shall be related to the purpose of the event and to the purposes of marking the opening or closing of the event, honoring the occasion, the participants and those in attendance, bringing the audience to order, and focusing the audience on the purpose of the event.</p>
PROHIBITED SPEECH	<p>A student speaking at a school event may not engage in speech that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is obscene, vulgar, or offensively lewd; 2. Is materially and substantially disruptive of school activities or the rights of others; or 3. Advocates imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action, including violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

LIMITED PUBLIC
FORUM AT SCHOOL
SPONSORED
EVENTS

Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of Board Policy FNA (LEGAL) and this policy, a limited public forum is created at school-sponsored events at which the school elects to have student speakers, which shall include graduation ceremonies. The limited public forum shall be for such reasonable time or times at each event as may be determined appropriate to the occasion by the responsible administrator for the expression of the student speaker's personal views. The period or periods of time so designated may, in the discretion of the administrator, vary in length according to the nature of the event, the available time for the event as a whole, and scheduling considerations.

DISCLAIMER

At each such event, the responsible administrator shall ensure that a statement is made, orally or in writing, or both, that the student speaker's speech during the limited public forum so designated does not reflect the endorsement, position, sponsorship, or expression of the district.

DISCONTINUATION
OF DISCLAIMER

Except for graduation ceremonies, the responsible administrator may elect to discontinue the disclaimer if the setting, context, and circumstances of the event make clear to those present that during the designated limited public forum the student is expressing personal views and not the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the district.