## Unity School District - Board of Education Board Policy 311 Expression of Opinion by Students Last Revised 7/31/2015

The Board of Education, the Administration and faculty welcome the expression of the ideas and ideals of students. Historically, the school has been a place for the exchange of ideas and the dissemination of information. Consequently, Unity expects to provide opportunities for students to discuss controversial issues and to express their opinions on school policies, programs of studies, and areas of public concern. Such discussions should be carried on in an atmosphere of mutual respect and in no way should one individual or group of individuals preempt the rights of others.

Although students have the right to express opinions or make suggestions to school administrators and faculty, it is expected that the students will obey the established rules and policies of the school even while working for changes. Students who willfully violate school rules or who defy reasonable instructions of teachers or administrators may be suspended or expelled according to statute.

Any person or persons who interfere or disrupt the normal functioning of the school, or who engage in any unauthorized activity on school property, shall be directed to leave, and if they refuse, the school administrator or designee shall request their removal by law enforcement.