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Freedom of the Press in Student Publications

[Do school publications have to accept advertisements that some may find offensive?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13017)

[How far may schools go in restricting student speech in the interest of school safety?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12994)

[Is it constitutional for school officials to censor a school-sponsored publication, such as a newspaper or a yearbook?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12818)

[Is profanity a form of expression protected by the First Amendment?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12998)

[May schools enforce speech codes on school grounds?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12825)

[May students distribute religious or political literature at school?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12816)

[Since the *Hazelwood* ruling, how important is state law in determining the rights of student journalists?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13014)

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[Do outside groups have the right to distribute their material on campus?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12815)

[May schools limit the time, place, and manner of student expression?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12993)

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Book Selection and Curriculum Decisions

[Do students have a First Amendment right to receive information in books?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12821)

[Is it constitutional for public schools to post "In God We Trust" in classrooms?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13040)

[May school officials remove library books for reasons other than objections to the ideas contained in the books?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13036)

[What types of books are most subject to censorship?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13038)

[Why should study about religion be included in the curriculum?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=12957)

Students and the Internet

[According to the most recent definition of the law, what material is considered “harmful to minors”?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13008)

[Does the use of Internet filters raise First Amendment concerns?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13009)

[Is using filtering software the only way to encourage responsible use of the Internet by students?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13010)

[Must schools now use filtering software on school computers?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13007)

[What are the primary considerations to make when determining issues of student speech that occur in cyberspace?](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org/freedoms/faq.aspx?id=13005)

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