

Gorman Learning Charter Network

Section: 5003.2 Behavior

Subject: Freedom of Expression

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Purpose:

The Board of Directors of Gorman Learning Charter Network (GLCN) seeks to encourage the free inquiry and exchange of ideas as an essential part of education within the confines of the law and safe practices.

Policy:

Students' rights to express ideas and opinions, take stands, and support causes, whether controversial or not, through their speech, their writing, their clothing, and the printed materials they choose to post or distribute shall be limited only as allowed by law in order to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights, health, and safety of all members of the school community. Expression shall be prohibited which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous. Also prohibited shall be material that so incites pupils as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of GLCN.

GLCN shall not discipline any high school student solely on the basis of speech or other communication that would be constitutionally protected when engaged in outside of school, but may impose discipline for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless constitutionally protected. A student shall be subject to discipline for off-campus expression, including expression on web sites, when such expression poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or school property, or substantially disrupts the educational program.