

Handout 1
Journal prompt

When should a school be permitted to censor student speech?

- a. Describe three different situations where, in your opinion, a public school teacher or principal should be allowed to penalize a student because of something the student said.

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3)

- b. Explain your reasoning. Why should the school be allowed to punish the student in those situations, even though the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of freedom of speech?

- c. Turn your examples into a rule by completing the following statement: “A school should be allowed to punish student speech if ...”