



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## Religious Expression on Campus

Since all students retain their First Amendment freedoms while on campus, Christian students enjoy the right to share their beliefs, pray, evangelize, read Scripture, and invite other students to join in such activities, so long as the activities are voluntary, student-initiated, and not disruptive or coercive.

A school may not prohibit student expression during non-instructional time unless it (1) materially and substantially interferes with the operation of the school, or (2) infringes on the rights of other students. No school can prohibit student expression solely because others might find it "offensive."

### **As a Christian student, YOU can:**

- Express your religious beliefs during class or as part of an assignment
- Distribute religious material and collect prayer requests at school
- Advertise religious events at school
- Pray at school, and during graduation and before sporting events
- Wear religious clothing, jewelry and symbols to school
- Engage in religious expression during school-organized events like talent shows

### **Christian clubs can:**

- Hold their meetings on campus
- Use school equipment, such as audio/visual and sports equipment
- Require members to be Christian and adhere to a code of conduct
- Receive school funding for their activities like all other student groups
- Advertise on campus for their meetings and other events

Stand strong in the faith. We've got your back!

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