

# Students' Bill of Rights

These rights are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and Federal Equal Access Act:

## **I. The Right to Meet with Other Religious Students**

The Equal Access Act allows students the freedom to meet on campus for the purpose of discussing religious issues.

## **II. The Right to Identify Your Religious Beliefs through Signs and Symbols**

Students are free to express their religious beliefs through signs and symbols on clothing and other personal articles.

## **III. The Right to Talk About Your Religious Beliefs on Campus**

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right mandated by the U.S. Constitution and does not exclude the public school campus.

## **IV. The Right to Distribute Religious Literature on Campus**

Distributing literature on campus may not be restricted simply because it is religious.

## **V. The Right to Pray on Campus**

Students may pray alone or with others so long as it does not disrupt school activities, or is not forced on others.

## **VI. The Right to Carry or Study Your Bible on Campus**

The Supreme Court has said that only state-directed Bible reading is unconstitutional.

## **VII. The Right to Do Research Papers, Speeches, and Creative Projects with Religious Themes**

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not forbid all mention of religion in public schools.

## **VIII. The Right to be Exempt**

Students may be exempt from activities and class content that contradict their religious beliefs.

## **IX. The Right to Celebrate or Study Religious Holidays on Campus**

Music, art, literature, and drama that have religious themes are permitted as part of the curriculum for school activities if presented in an objective manner as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage of the particular holiday.

## **X. The Right to Meet with School Officials**

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution forbids Congress to make any law that would restrict the right of people to petition the Government (school officials, in this case).