

STUDENT SPEAKERS AT SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND PROGRAMS

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When a student is selected or permitted to be a speaker or presenter at a school-sponsored assembly, performance, or program held for an audience of students and staff, school families, and/or the general public, and if the student is permitted some discretion regarding the content of his/her remarks/presentation, then the administrators and school staff who are involved in overseeing the activity shall apply the standards established in the Board policy governing District-Sponsored Student Publications and Communications Media (Policy 372) to such speaking opportunities unless either:

1. The District has specifically informed the student that, for the limited purpose of a particular assembly, performance, or program he/she is being granted greater latitude, and greater responsibility, to treat the speaking or presentation opportunity as a limited forum for personal expression; or
2. The inherent structure and purpose of the activity is such that, under applicable law, it is clear from the context alone that the District has offered the opportunity as a limited forum for the student's personal expression and that the District is required to administer the opportunity under the legal standards that apply to such a forum in a school setting.

Even in situations where students are afforded the opportunity to treat an authorized speaking or presentation opportunity as a limited forum for personal expression, the District retains such control over the content and delivery of the speech, remarks, performance, or presentation as is consistent with the lawful administration of such activities in a school setting.

This policy is not intended to apply to intra-class, curricular assignments that may require or allow students to compose and deliver/perform a speech, presentation, or similar work in connection with curricular/course requirements. To the extent not addressed in other Board policies or administrative rules, the District retains authority to direct, monitor, and regulate such curricular activities to the extent consistent with applicable law.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.13](#)

[student nondiscrimination]

[Section 948.11](#)

[exposing a child to harmful material or descriptions or narrations]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

[PL9](#) [student nondiscrimination]

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