

Student's Bill of Rights on a Public School Campus

- 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.
- III. **THE RIGHT to Talk about Your Religious Beliefs on Campus.**
Freedom of speech is a fundamental right mandated in the Constitution and does not exclude the school yard.
- 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 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 Constitution forbids Congress to make any law that would restrict the right of the people to petition the Government (school officials).

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