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It is the policy of the School Board to encourage students to express opinions and ideas, take stands, and support policies, publicly and privately, orally and in writing. Students may be given this opportunity for expression through established school media. Such expression should not interfere with the educational program or present a health or safety hazard. Students may advocate change of law or school regulations and pursue their ~~advocacy~~ **advocacy**, provided they follow administrative guidelines establishing the time, place, and manner.

If the School Corporation or a Corporation employee makes part of a course, awards a grade or course credit, including extra credit, or otherwise incentivizes a student to engage in:

- A. **political activism;**
- B. **lobbying; or**
- C. **efforts to persuade members of the legislative or executive branch at the Federal, State, or local level;**

the Corporation or Corporation employee shall not require the student to adopt, affirm, affiliate, or take any action that would result in favoring any particular position on the issue or issues involved without offering an alternative option for the student to complete the assignment or receive extra credit or other incentive that allows for the favoring of an alternative position.

Students may not use obscenity, slanderous, or libelous statements, or disruptive tactics, or advocate violation of the law or school regulations.

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