

**EASTERN
WESTMORELAND
CAREER &
TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT EXPRESSION/
DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING
OF MATERIALS

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

REVISED:

<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.9</p> <p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 12.9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">220. STUDENT EXPRESSION/DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING OF MATERIALS</p> <p>The right of public school students to freedom of speech is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of the Commonwealth. The Joint Operating Committee respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute and post materials in areas designated for posting as a part of that expression. The Joint Operating Committee also recognizes that exercise of that right must be limited by the center's responsibility to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p> <p>The JOC recognizes that students have the right to express themselves unless such expression is likely to or does materially or substantially interfere with the educational process, including school activities, school work, or discipline and order on school property or at school functions; threatens serious harm to the school or community; encourages unlawful activity; or interferes with another's rights.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to designate and prohibit manifestations of student expression that are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others or where such expression is likely to or does materially or substantially interfere with school activities, school work, or discipline and order on school property or at school functions including but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Libel or slander of any specific person or persons. 2. Advocating the use or advertising the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and serious danger to the health or welfare of students.
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Using obscene, lewd, vulgar or profane language – whether verbal, written or symbolic.4. Inciting violence; advocating use of force; or encouraging violation of federal, state or municipal law, Joint Operating Committee policy or center rules or regulations.5. Are likely to or do materially or substantially interfere with the educational process, including school activities, school work, or discipline and order on school property or at school functions; threaten serious harm to the school or community; encourage unlawful activity; or interfere with another's rights.6. Violating written school administrative regulations or procedures on time, place and manner for posting and distribution of otherwise protected expression. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1850.1</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.2, 12.9</p> <p>Joint Operating Committee Policy – 218, 219</p>
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