JEA standards

• 1A.4. A solid foundation in law and ethics as it applies to scholastic media, including First Amendment-related rights and responsibilities.

• 1A.5. Law and ethics as it relates to scholastic media and its importance in practice.
  • Court cases
  • Legal definitions
  • Ethical frameworks
Court cases that relate to student media:

• Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District
• Bethel School District v. Fraser
• Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier
• Morse v. Frederick (Bong Hits)
• Yeo v. Town of Lexington (ads)
• Dean v. Utica Community Schools
The basics

Definitions of unprotected speech

• Libel
• Copyright
• Obscenity
• Disruption
• Invasion of privacy
The basics
Other important definitions

- Censorship
- Prior review
- First Amendment
- Cybermedia legal issues
- Protecting sources
- Access
  - Sunshine and open meeting laws
  - FOIA
The basics

• Ethical issues
  • Law asks, “Could we?”
  • Ethics asks, “Should we?”

• Balanced coverage

• What’s necessary to cover the topic?

• Biases and slants

• The need for transparency

• Anonymous sources
Where to look

- Student Press Law Center <www.splc.org>
- Law of the Student Press (3rd edition)
- JEA’s Scholastic Press Rights Commission <jeapressrights.org>
- JEA’s Scholastic Press Rights Commission blog <jeasprc.org>
Getting answers

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