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Law & Ethics

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JEA standards



■ 1. Journalism teachers know

- The law of the student press in their state, including First Amendment-related rights and responsibilities, state and local laws and regulations, copyright and fair use and privacy.
- Professional and student journalistic codes of ethics and how they apply to the special circumstances a student journalist faces.
- Law and ethics as they relate to scholastic media and their importance in practice.

■ 1. Journalism teachers can

- Utilize appropriate professional and scholastic media legal and ethical policies and practices as well as foster student-led discussion covering these topics.

The basics



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 – photos AND music/fair use
- 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



New Voices

- What it is
- Its status in YOUR STATE

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
- Web issues: Comments and take downs?

Getting answers



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