

# *Students 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.

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### **II. THE RIGHT to Identify Your Religious Beliefs through Signs and Symbols.**

Students are free to express their religious belief through signs and symbols.

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### **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.

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### **IV. THE RIGHT to Distribute Religious Literature on Campus.**

Distributing literature on campus may not be restricted simply because it is religious.

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### **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.

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### **VI. THE RIGHT to Carry or Study Your Bible on Campus.**

The Supreme Court has said that only *state directed* Bible reading is unconstitutional.

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### **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.

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### **VIII. THE RIGHT to Be Exempt.**

Students may be exempt from activities and class content that contradict their religious beliefs.

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### **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.

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### **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).