

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
STUDENT EQUAL ACCESS/ LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM		4802
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~~If an authorized charter school chooses to provide a limited public forum for student speakers at school events, the school shall adopt a policy, in accordance with state law, to establish guidelines for the provision of student equal access in a limited public forum. It is the responsibility of the school to implement this policy and monitor limited public forums, if established.¹~~

~~“Limited public forum” means public property that is provided for students as a place for expressive activity which may impose reasonable, content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions on certain groups or topics of speech; provided, that the restriction is necessary and narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest.²~~

~~If the school chooses to establish a limited public forum, the school’s policy shall ensure that the school does not discriminate against a student’s publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, and to eliminate any actual or perceived affirmative school sponsorship or attribution to the school of a student’s expression of a religious viewpoint, if any.³~~

~~The policy shall also include and/or address:⁴~~

- ~~(1) Rights of students and/or groups of students to organize meetings and express viewpoints;~~
- ~~(2) Procedures for request and approval of student meetings;~~
- ~~(3) Requirements for approval of student meetings;~~
- ~~(4) Parameters for time, place/facilities, and manner of student meetings;~~
- ~~(5) Method, based on neutral criteria, for the selection of student speakers at school events and graduation ceremonies;~~
- ~~(6) Role and responsibilities of the school and its administrators and staff; and~~
- ~~(7) Permissible and prohibited content of student expression, including ensuring that a student speaker does not engage in speech that is obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, indecent, or promotes illegal drug use.~~

~~The school shall state in writing, orally, or both, that the student’s speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school or district.~~

Legal References:

¹ T.C.A. § 49-6-1802; T.C.A. § 49-6-1805

² T.C.A. § 49-6-1801

³ T.C.A. § 49-6-1803(b)

⁴ T.C.A. § 49-6-1801-1805