

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

If a school is treating your group differently than other student groups, contact *Students for Life of America*.

DO YOU ATTEND A PRIVATE SCHOOL?

Don't worry, we can still help! There are different avenues we can take if legal action cannot be pursued. Here are some ways we can help you fight for free speech at your private school. We can:

- Provide a customizable demand letter
- Help you publicly share your story
- Alert key players in your school's community
- Start a petition
- And more!



Have your
FREE SPEECH RIGHTS
been violated?

LET US KNOW:

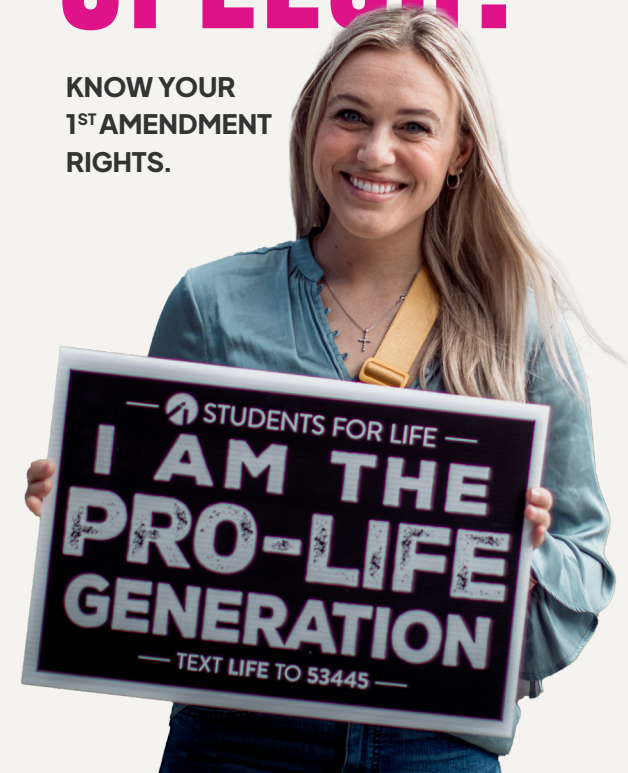
Email: FreeSpeech@StudentsforLife.org

For more information, visit:
StudentsforLife.org/Free-Speech



IS PRO-LIFE SPEECH FREE SPEECH?

KNOW YOUR
1ST AMENDMENT
RIGHTS.

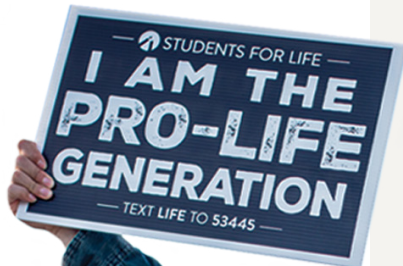


CAMPUS GROUP PROTECTIONS

There are certain actions public schools cannot take against student groups, regardless of their attempted justifications.

Your School CANNOT:

- Prevent you from starting a campus group because it is religious, political, controversial, or “triggering.”
- Require trigger warnings.
- Create “free speech zones” outside.
- Read your personal email without reasonable suspicion and a police warrant. This also includes your group’s email (unless the account ends in “.edu”).
- Fire staff for advising and/or sponsoring your group.
- Charge security fees for events based on how controversial they perceive the speakers to be.
- Distribute or not distribute student fees and funds with bias.
- Cancel or move events because of extreme opposition.
- Unnecessarily extend the approval process or be unresponsive.



THIS IS FREE SPEECH

Campus Group’s Rights:

You have the right to:

- Form a student group if other students can.
- Equal access to funding and other campus resources .
- Know where and how your student fees are being spent.
- Insist on a written denial (an explanation as to why your school took certain action against your group).
- Have your school help you find an advisor if it is a requirement for starting a group.
- Host a graphic image display of aborted children on a public campus.
- Protest and counsel on the sidewalks in front of a Planned Parenthood.
- Chalk pro-life messages on public campus grounds (assuming that other groups are allowed to chalk messages).
 - Use content that your school’s administration deems ‘harmful,’ ‘uncivil,’ ‘offensive,’ or ‘hate speech.’

CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH RESTRICTIONS MUST:

- Apply to all groups equally.
- Not consider what a speaker is saying or what he/she believes.
- Not target a specific group based on views.
- Be free of restrictions based on how other people might react.

**These are just the minimum requirements. Some rules that meet these criteria may still be unconstitutional.*

VIOLATIONS OF FREE SPEECH:



Vandalism and theft of displays and signs.



Threats of violence.

“ALL RESTRICTIONS ON FREE SPEECH MUST BE CONTENT NEUTRAL.”

– Reed v. Town of Gilbert–