

## State of the First Amendment Survey

What's the State of the First Amendment at your school? Find out by conducting this survey.

1. As you know, the First Amendment is part of the U.S. Constitution. To the best of your recollection, list all of the specific rights that are guaranteed by the First Amendment:

2. Overall, how would you rate the job that the American educational system does in teaching students about First Amendment freedoms — excellent, good, fair, or poor (circle your answer)?

**EXCELLENT**

**GOOD**

**FAIR**

**POOR**

3. How much, if at all, does the following statement apply to your school:

"My school has made specific efforts to promote First Amendment principles through school activities or policies" (circle your answer).

**A LOT**

**SOME**

**ONLY A LITTLE**

**NOT AT ALL**

4. Overall, do you think that students at your school have too much freedom to express themselves, too little freedom to express themselves, or about the right amount of freedom to express themselves while at school (circle your answer)?

**TOO MUCH**

**TOO LITTLE**

**RIGHT AMOUNT**

**NOT SURE**

5. Overall, do you think the students at your school have too much religious freedom, too little religious freedom, or about the right amount of religious freedom while at school (circle your answer)?

**TOO MUCH**

**TOO LITTLE**

**RIGHT AMOUNT**

**NOT SURE**

6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Students at public high schools should be allowed to report on controversial issues in their student newspapers without approval of school authorities" (circle your answer).

**STRONGLY AGREE**

**MILDLY AGREE**

**MILDLY DISAGREE**

**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Students in public schools should be allowed to express their own religious views in a class discussion as long as their views are relevant to the topic" (circle your answer).

**STRONGLY AGREE**

**MILDLY AGREE**

**MILDLY DISAGREE**

**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Public school students should be allowed to wear a T-shirt with a message or picture that others may find offensive" (circle your answer).

**STRONGLY AGREE**

**MILDLY AGREE**

**MILDLY DISAGREE**

**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Public school students who have personal Web sites on school computers should be allowed to post material on their Web sites that others may find offensive" (circle your answer).

**STRONGLY AGREE**

**MILDLY AGREE**

**MILDLY DISAGREE**

**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

10. Which of the following two statements comes closest to your own opinion?

\*"Public school students should be allowed unfiltered access to ALL Web sites on school computers, even if this means that they may occasionally encounter inappropriate or offensive material" (circle your answer).

OR

\*"Public schools should install software on school computers that blocks student access to potentially inappropriate or offensive Web sites, even if this means that some useful Web sites may be blocked from view.