

## **FILE: JCEC**

### **DEMONSTRATIONS OF STUDENTS**

It is recognized that individual students or groups of students may, from time to time, feel the need to assert their collective sentiments in matters of public opinion. Students have a right to express their opinions, in a proper manner, and to exercise the opportunity to discuss any problem with their teachers and principal. It is the duty of the principal to always keep lines of communication open with his/her students, and to listen to the complaints in a fair and sincere manner.

In the expression of opinion, students shall be expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and controlled manner. Boisterous, unrestrained behavior by students shall not be tolerated. Disorderly demonstrations, sit-ins, lock-ins; or damages to school grounds, school plants, or school records shall not be permitted. Any type of demonstration that prevents the orderly progress of a school day, that prevents normal class functions, or that prevents nonparticipating students from their usual class activity, shall be considered unacceptable behavior and shall result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken by the principal. Students participating in such demonstrations shall be immediately suspended and removed from the campus; by force if necessary. Students suspended shall not be allowed to return to the campus until the suspension is terminated by the Superintendent.

Any teacher or other school employee who takes part in, or encourages students or other adults to take part in such demonstrations shall be subject to immediate suspension or dismissal.

Ref: [Jenkins v. Louisiana State Board of Education](#), 506 F 2d 992 (CA. 5th 1975)

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