

Write a Speech Code

Instruct students to write a speech code for your class or for your school (one paragraph.) Tell them to include the types of limits they would like to see on free speech, if it were up to them.

Ask the students to exchange their speech codes with one another.

Ask the students to review each other's speech codes and to consider these questions:

How would you feel about enforcing this speech code?

Would this code keep you from being able to say some things you might normally say?

Would it violate any of your rights?

Would this code cause any potential problems?

Would it hold up in court?

Is this code in accordance with the First Amendment? Why or why not?

Why does the First Amendment protect the free speech rights that it does?

Do high school students have the same free speech rights as college students or adults?