

Title: Recognizing Constitutional Freedoms

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References: R277-105-9(A)(2)

Purpose

The IEA Board of Directors desires to protect and accommodate individual rights as set forth in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. IEA will protect students with procedures and provisions that balance students' rights of conscience or exercise of religious freedom with the least restrictive means necessary to achieve a specifically identified educational objective in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest.

Policy

1. In accordance with Utah Administrative Code R277-105, Ignite Entrepreneurship Academy has no policy or procedures that prevent or otherwise deny students the rights afforded by the Utah State Constitution, including but not limited to laws and rules regarding freedom of speech, perfect toleration of religious sentiment, the free exercise of religion, and prohibitions against the establishment of religion or the imposition of sectarian control in the school.
2. IEA recognizes constitutionally protected prayer. Students are allowed to pray in school if they choose; however, employees/staff/administration are prohibited from leading students in prayer.
3. IEA will maintain constitutional freedom in regards to religious observation and education. School activities, performances, or displays which include religion, or religious thought or expression, or the influence of religion on music, art, literature, law, politics, history, or any other element of the curriculum which is designed to achieve secular educational objectives will be undertaken.
4. No aspect of cultural heritage, political theory, moral theory, or societal value will be included or excluded from the curricula simply because it affirms, ignores, or denies religious belief, religious doctrine, a religious sect, or the existence of a spiritual realm or supreme being.

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