

**North Orange County Regional Occupational Program  
FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION  
ROP AR 5145.2**

## **Administrative Regulation**

### **Students Personnel**

#### **Distribution of Printed Materials and Petitions by Students**

The program administrator or designee may provide bulletin boards on which students and student organizations may post materials of general interest. Students also may post or distribute handbills, leaflets, and other printed material, whether produced within or outside of the school. Students may collect signatures on petitions concerning school or non-school issues.

Printed materials or petitions may be distributed only:

1. Before or after school or during lunchtime
2. In locations that do not obstruct the normal flow of traffic within school or at entrances

No student shall use coercion to induce students or any other persons to accept printed matter or to sign petitions. No funds shall be collected for any material distributed.

#### **Clothing, Buttons, and Badges**

A student shall not wear buttons, badges, armbands, or other clothing bearing slogans or sayings that either:

1. Intrudes upon the rights of other students including, but not limited to, derogatory and injurious remarks directed at students' minority status such as race, religion, and sexual orientation.
2. Causes substantial disruption to school activities.

No employee shall interfere with a student's wearing of such items solely on the grounds that the message may be controversial or unpopular with students or staff.