

## Students' Rights To Free Speech

Chico Unified respects our students' rights to express ideas and opinions even when the topic is controversial. We also expect that our students will be respectful to others, even those who may have opinions that differ from their own.

In California and Chico Unified:



Students have the right to exercise Freedom of Speech.



Freedom of Speech cannot cause a substantial disruption of the school's orderly operation. Examples of substantial disruption include, but are not limited to, blocking entrances or exits, inciting students, or causing a danger to the members of our school community.



To provide an orderly school environment for our students and protect the safety of our school community, all visitors must check-in at the office during the school day.

Chico Unified School District's primary commitment is to provide a safe educational environment for **all** students. We acknowledge the diverse philosophical and political viewpoints in our community and encourage respectful understanding of all perspectives.

Respecting differing viewpoints is not just a policy, it's a fundamental value of our school community.

"Free speech isn't just about speaking. It is also about listening ..." —Tim Cook, Apple CEO