

STUDENT-LED

National Free to Speak Campaign

Students promoting freedom of religious expression in public schools across America.



WHY do it? Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito has pointed out “It pains me to say this, but in certain quarters, religious liberty is fast becoming a disfavored right. For many today, religious liberty is not a cherished freedom.” Free speech, and especially religious speech, must be promoted and defended. In many countries around the world, people are not allowed to express their beliefs unless the government approves it. Unfortunately in America, because of people’s misunderstanding of the law, religious expression is too often not allowed freely in public school classrooms. Religious freedom isn’t free. It takes effort to maintain it. Join the Free to Speak campaign!

WHAT to do:

1

Show this video to the entire school



Show the 3-minute “I Can” video to your student club. Then, ask your school administrators to include the video as your club’s message during morning announcements.

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Ask teachers to display the Religious Freedom Poster



Ask every teacher in your school to display the Religious Freedom poster in their classrooms as a way to signal that their classroom welcome’s students to express their beliefs.

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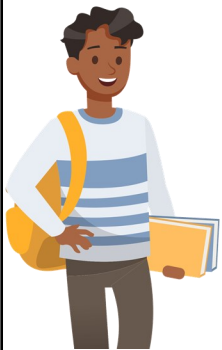
Distribute Free to Speak pamphlets to classmates



Give the *Free to Speak* pamphlets to students throughout your school.

HOW to do it: The Free to Speak Campaign is simple.

- Find the video on the Orange County (CA) Department of Education’s website by scanning the QR code or visiting vimeo.com/671272230. You can download it if you need to for your school’s announcements.
- When approaching your school’s administration, remember, as per the Equal Access Act, federal law requires that religious clubs be given the same access to school announcements as other clubs.
- There is no cost to order Religious Freedom posters and Free to Speak pamphlets. To order them, visit GoGateways.org/freetospeak.
- Choose a week when your club members will ask every teacher to display the posters. Keep track of those who agree to do it. It will be encouraging to know the number of teachers who support free speech. And be sure to let us know. We want to track how the campaign is impacting schools across the country.
- Give the *Free to Speak* pamphlets to students whenever and however you can.



WHEN to do it: You can do the campaign **ANYTIME** throughout the year. You might consider linking the campaign to these dates:

1. **September 17, Constitution Day** and Constitution Week is whatever week the 17th is in.
2. **January 16, Religious Freedom Day.** Every year the President proclaims January 16th as Religious Freedom Day to honor the freedom we have in America. For more information, visit ReligiousFreedomDay.com.
3. **Any time of the year.** There is no need to wait for September 17th or January 16th. **Do it NOW!**

SIGN UP ONLINE to receive your Free to Speak box of materials at no charge.



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