

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ROLE PLAY

PROPOSALS BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD

1. Proposal A: School officials shall review the student newspaper prior to publication and shall censor any material which they find to be offensive or potentially harmful to the school environment or to the community at large.
2. Proposal B: Student journalists are guaranteed the right to publish what they please, subject only to disciplinary action after publication if the material is obscene or libelous or causes a “substantial disruption” of the educational process.

GROUPS TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Teachers
Parents
Students

Directions:

Each groups should examine Proposals A and B and develop an argument in favor of the proposal their group supports. If the groups are unable to unanimously support one proposal, the group may split into two groups. All groups must develop arguments in favor of the policy they support. These arguments will then be presented to the School Board (made up of students). The School Board will discuss and vote on the proposals. The proposal receiving the majority vote will become the new policy.