

## JEA SPRC Teacher Kit

### Commemorating 25 years of *Hazelwood*: Calls to Action



As part of our Teacher Kit commemorating 25 years of *Hazelwood* censorship, we invite all scholastic journalism teachers to commit to one or more of the following calls to action. This commitment should signify a long-term effort on behalf of you and your student journalists to promote scholastic press freedom across the United States. Please consider the suggestions below to see how you can join us in our fight against censorship.

#### **1. Get Educated.**

Educate yourself about the importance of student press freedom. Why should students make decisions?

*For advisers:*

1. Read and adopt the JEA guidelines for advisers, specifically areas 5-9:  
<http://jea.org/home/for-educators/model-guidelines/>
2. Read and adopt the JEA Adviser Code of Ethics:  
<http://www.jeasprc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/JEAadvisercodeof-ethics-2012.pdf>
3. With your students, reflect on what has changed in the last 25 years in regards to your school, community, media, technology, and education. Has the Hazelwood censorship standard kept up with the times? Or has it consistently been a negative force for your school?

*For students:*

1. Read and adopt the NSPA model Code of Ethics for student journalists:  
[http://www.studentpress.org/nspa/pdf/wheel\\_modelcodeofethics.pdf](http://www.studentpress.org/nspa/pdf/wheel_modelcodeofethics.pdf)
2. Using the document above, educate your school and community about the importance of student press freedom.
3. Work to establish your student media as designated public forums for student expression. Use the following resources to inform this process:  
[http://www.splc.org/news/report\\_detail.asp?id=1270&edition=39](http://www.splc.org/news/report_detail.asp?id=1270&edition=39)  
<http://jeasprc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/SPRC-Blueprint-2013.pdf>

#### **2. Support student free press legislation in your state.**

Join the fight to end student censorship by creating laws that protect scholastic journalists.

1. Use the legislative action plan from the SPRC to promote change:

<http://jeasprc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/SPRC-Blueprint-2013.pdf>

2. Understand which states have legislation, and which do not.

<http://www.splc.org/knowyourrights/statelegislation.asp>)

### **3. Join the Student Press Law Center's effort to "Cure Hazelwood."**

Visit <http://www.splc.org/cure> to join the campaign and find out how you can make a difference.

1. Create a petition supporting student press freedom.

2. Share the effort on Facebook and Twitter.