Freedom of Speech

The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States guarantees all citizens the right to freedom of speech. This includes public school students. In 1965, Mary Beth Tinker, her brother John, and their friend Christopher Eckhard wore black armbands to school to honor the dead on both sides of the Vietnam War. They were suspended under a policy banning armbands at school. Her case went all the way to the Supreme Court. *Tinker* v. *Des Moines*

Outline your school's Student Free Speech Rights policy. How does it protect your freedom of speech rights? What are your responsibilities when exercising your freedom of speech rights?

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