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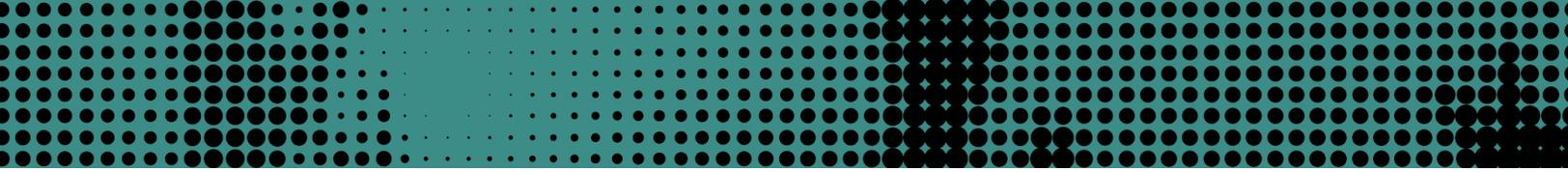
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THE RUNDOWN

We all have battles that we want to fight, and are passionate about issues that move us to act. But in order to fight those battles on campus, students need to be allowed to exercise free speech. At schools across the country, students face restrictions that curtail and truncate their efforts. With FIRE's Speak Truth to Power toolkit for campus activism, you can find inspiration and resources to ensure that all students on campus can freely express themselves.

Every day, students from across the political spectrum speak truth to power by hosting events, publishing articles, inviting speakers, and holding meetings on campus. While the goals of some initiatives may be at odds with others, all of them give students a voice to speak truth to power.

But all too often FIRE sees policies at schools across the country that take away students' abilities to organize and engage in activism. These problematic—and often unconstitutional—policies hinder students' efforts to protest spontaneously, gather in a group of like-minded students, and much more. If your school maintains restrictive policies, enforces policies that they don't have on the books, or doesn't live up to its free speech promises—such as those advertised in promotional materials and illustrated in student conduct policies—it's time to work with fellow students to stand up for the rights of all students on campus.

Policies that restrict the speech of any students on campus are harmful to all students on campus.

And just because these policies may not have affected your activism thus far, doesn't mean that they won't later. That's why it's important to protect everyone's right to speak freely, since it's the best chance at ensuring that every voice can challenge authority and bring to light any injustice.

The only way change can happen is for you and your fellow students to speak out. Let students, faculty, and staff know about policies on campus that restrict speech and work to eliminate or amend them. Ensure that speech-friendly policies are fairly enforced so that all students on campus can enjoy their promised or constitutionally protected free speech rights. Make those in power aware that you understand your rights and that you demand that they be honored. By working together with a broad coalition of students representing a cross section of the student body at your school, you can apply the necessary pressure to do just that.

THE CHALLENGE

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO:

- 1** educate your campus community about how free speech protects everyone's right to speak truth to power;
- 2** collaborate with diverse groups and build coalitions on campus to organize initiatives that stress the importance of speaking truth to power; and
- 3** work toward improving policies that are detrimental to students' fundamental rights and/or promised rights on campus.

THE SITUATION

At colleges and universities across the country, the rights of students to speak truth to power are limited in many ways.

FREE SPEECH ZONES

[Free speech zones](#) exist where colleges restrict student speech to specific—often tiny—areas on campus. As you’ll learn further, free speech zones are far from free!

Free speech zones often have three common characteristics:

- 1** Pre-Registration
“An ‘Application for Demonstrations and Assemblies’ form must be submitted to the Department of Student Activities at least 10 days in advance of the demonstration.”
— [Virginia State University](#)
- 2** Limited Use
“A two (2) hour time period will be provided to individual(s) and/or organizations for these purposes at Southeastern. Speech/assembly activities will be limited to one two (2) hour time limit per seven (7) day period, commencing the Monday of each week.”
— [Southeastern Louisiana University](#)
- 3** Limited Area
“Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has designated an area within a radius of twenty feet (20’) of “The Rock” in Stratton Quadrangle for on-campus free expression and public demonstration activities.” — [Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville](#)

Roughly one in 10 schools surveyed in FIRE’s 2017 [report on campus speech codes](#) have so-called free speech zones. This number has improved from one in six schools in 2013, largely thanks to FIRE’s [Stand Up For Speech](#) program, which challenges free speech zones in court, and our [legislative efforts](#).

SPEECH CODES

A speech code is any university regulation or policy that prohibits expression that would be protected by the [First Amendment](#) in society at large. [Speech codes](#) restrict student expression in a number of dangerous and often unconstitutional ways. Any policy, such as a protest and demonstration policy, a harassment policy, or an IT acceptable use policy, can be a speech code if it prohibits protected speech or expression.

92 percent of American colleges surveyed in FIRE’s 2017 report have [speech codes](#) on the books that either clearly restrict, or could too easily be used to restrict, free speech.

The good news is that free speech zones and speech code policies can always be changed. This is where students like you come in!

THE RULES

This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). Contest entrants must be undergraduate or graduate students at colleges or universities in the United States. The contest will launch on 9/18/17 and ends at 11:59pm (ET) on 12/1/17 (the “Contest Period”). To be eligible for the prizes you must perform each of the following steps within the Contest Period.

- 1 [Sign up for the Speak Truth to Power Activism Toolkit.](#)
- 2 Engage in free speech related activism on campus in furtherance of the Speak Truth to Power Campaign.
- 3 [Report your results to FIRE.](#)

The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any and all contest entries for any reason at any time without prior notice.

All contest entries will be judged by a panel of judges with expertise in free speech and campus activism. Initiatives must help to forward students’ right to speak truth to power. In awarding prizes the following criteria may be taken into account.

- 1 The number of campaign actions completed.
- 2 The impact made on campus and in the larger community.
- 3 Creativity in the execution of the campaign.
- 4 Work with diverse coalitions.

THE PRIZES

All students who [sign up](#) to participate in the Speak Truth to Power campaign will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card.

On 12/8/2017, FIRE will announce three (3) winners for the best-executed campaigns on campus.

In order to qualify for a final prize, campaign participants [must update FIRE about their efforts on campus](#). Consider taking photos of events, posting on social media, writing follow-ups after each activity, or documenting your efforts in other ways that you can share with FIRE.

All prizes can be adjusted based on the particular needs and dynamics of your group.



“Speak Truth to Power” T-shirt(s)
\$250 activism grant for a future initiative
Honor at the FIRE Student Network Summer Conference
Feature on FIRE’s Newsdesk
Certificate(s) of Achievement



“Speak Truth to Power” T-shirt(s)
\$500 activism grant for a future initiative
Honor at the FIRE Student Network Summer Conference
Feature on FIRE’s Newsdesk
Sponsor of a FIRE speaker to speak at your school
Certificate(s) of Achievement



“Speak Truth to Power” T-shirt(s)
\$1,000 activism grant for a future initiative
Honor at the FIRE Student Network Summer Conference
Feature on FIRE’s Newsdesk
Feature video produced by FIRE about your campaign
Sponsor of a FIRE speaker to speak at your school
Kit of exclusive FIRE swag
Certificate(s) of Achievement

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

While there are many ways to engage and motivate your campus community to speak truth to power, there is not a singular “right way” to do it. The campaign actions outlined below are designed to help inspire you to make an impact on campus. Feel free to be creative and tailor these activities to your particular needs, or to come up with something entirely new!

If you need funds to help with your campaign actions, email students@thefire.org with a note detailing how much funding you’ll need and an explanation of how you plan to use these funds. Please be as specific as possible.

- 1 Paper Your Campus Campaign
- 2 Sticky Note Wall
- 3 Speaking Truth To Power Shout Out
- 4 Open Mic Night
- 5 Write a Letter or Host a Letter Writing Drive
- 6 Presentation to the Student Senate or Student Governing Body
- 7 Pack the Free Speech Zone and Campus Protest
- 8 Campus Community Leaders Meeting
 - Follow Up Campus Leaders Potluck Dinner
 - Follow Up Campus Town Hall

PAPER YOUR CAMPUS CAMPAIGN

Suggested Materials: Tape, Printed Flyers and/or Handbills

- This is your opportunity to educate your campus about the importance of speaking truth to power.
- Coordinate volunteers and create a plan for hanging flyers around campus, passing them out on the quad, and distributing them while tabling.
- **Remember:** While universities may place reasonable, viewpoint-neutral “time, place, and manner” regulations on student postings—such as requiring that postings not exceed a certain size or only be posted for a reasonable period of time—they may not grant administrators unfettered discretion to approve or reject student postings. Ideally, posting policies should not require any prior approval, but any policies requiring approval must set forth clear, content-

neutral criteria upon which approval will be granted. If you have concerns about your school's posting policies, contact FIRE.

Activism Tips: Use flyers to advertise your events in advance. Go to a highly visible spot on campus with lots of foot traffic, and start conversations with members of the campus community as they pass by. Have handbills or flyers ready so that you can quickly and effectively disseminate information and advertise future events. Be sure to collect the email addresses and names of those who show interest in the event, the cause, or working with you in the future, and follow-up with them after the event is over.

STICKY NOTE WALL

Suggested Materials: Sticky Notes/Post-Its, Pens, Markers

- If there is a designated wall, building, or space on campus that is available for student use, be sure to reserve it.
- If no space is available, rent/construct a “wall” or display. The “wall” can be anything from a small tri-fold poster board to a large plywood display. If you do plan on using a larger structure, be sure to talk to school officials to make sure that you have reserved the proper space so your event can go off without a hitch.
- Start a conversation on campus about the importance of speaking truth to power and how students, faculty, and community members would not be able to safely do so without free speech protections.
- Explain to passersby the purpose of the event. Invite them to participate by writing and posting a note about issues which they want to speak truth to power about, or detailing why speaking truth to power is important to them.

Activism Tips: Bring together a coalition of students from the campus community to help you run the event. Offer candy, cookies, or other treats to draw people in. Publicize the event beforehand on social media, over email, by word of mouth, or through fliers and class announcements.

SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER SHOUT-OUT

Suggested Materials: Button/Pin/Handbill, Social Media Account

- This is your chance to praise other students on campus for using their free speech rights to speak truth to power. Show a good-faith effort toward other students and student groups, to demonstrate that you value the free speech rights of everyone and that you admire the way your peers are using their rights on campus.
- When you see students or student groups speaking truth to power on campus, on social media, in a publication, or through other mediums, offer them a token of appreciation or a social media shout-out recognizing their efforts.
- **Remember:** It doesn't matter what their message is. Whether a student or group is penning an op-ed or article, organizing a protest, or hosting an event, they are utilizing their free speech rights to do so. This is something that students of every political persuasion can celebrate

together. Show your campus what a true free speech advocate looks like by setting aside the content of the message and celebrating the principles that allow for open discourse in a free society.

Activism Tips: Read campus newspapers and bulletin boards, and follow different campus groups on social media to keep on top of what’s happening on campus. Include an explanation about why you’re offering this token and describe your initiative on campus more fully. A shout-out is just the first step. Over time, try to build in-roads with different groups on campus—even (and especially) those that you disagree with—and talk about how you can work together to ensure that free speech and open dialogue is preserved and celebrated on campus.

Example Tweets:



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Suggested Materials: Venue on Campus, Flyers for Advertising, Snacks, Microphone(s)

- Lead a discussion to showcase the different perspectives about what it means to speak truth to power on campus.
- One of the goals of this activity is to illustrate the variety of ways students can speak truth to power and the different issues that students use their voice to champion.
- Clearly establish the nonpartisan nature of the event. Facilitate successful and productive conversation by inviting representatives from various student groups with diverse goals and ideological leanings.
- Ask students to write about speaking truth to power before the event and what it means to them. Encourage students to share their experiences speaking truth to power.
 - Consider hosting a panel of students who have engaged in any sort of activism in the past to moderate the discussion.

Activism Tips:

- Search for a venue that is conducive to facilitating discussion. Getting the word out is vital for this event because the more diversity in experiences, the better. Reach out to other groups and students over email, social media, and by advertising your event on campus.
- Look into helpful tools like [Poll Everywhere](#), [iClicker](#), or [TopHat](#) to help frame the discussion. These tools allow students to write down, share, and vote on each other’s suggestions.

- Consider dividing attendees into groups of 3-5 people. Ask folks to sit with people they don't know or whom they know to be from a different or opposing organization. As an icebreaker, ask them to discuss an assigned question related to speaking truth to power. Make sure to share responses with the group.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OR HOST A LETTER WRITING DRIVE

Suggested Materials: Venue, Paper, Pens, Snacks

- Talking about issues involving your campus publicly puts pressure on the administration to act. The letters can address any number of pertinent campus issues.
- Write a letter yourself or host a letter writing party where students write letters about the importance of speaking truth to power, the adoption of the Chicago Statement, or calling attention to unconstitutional, or merely unwise, policies at your university.
- Letters to the editor can be submitted to the campus newspaper, the local newspaper, or other publications. Letters can also be written to university administrators, with the goal of urging them to protect student rights on campus.
- The more you customize a letter or email, the more effective it will be. Be sure to elaborate on why a particular issue is important to you and your campus community.
- For tips on how to write and place an effective op-ed or letter to the editor, [check out this FSN resource](#).
- Offer pizza or snacks, and conclude the event with games, a movie screening, or some other social component.

Activism Tips: Hand out lists of issues that students may want to address in their letter. Encourage attendees to bring their laptops and brainstorm. Be sure to reach out to alumni and professors to sign the letters and pen op-eds as well.

SAMPLE LETTERS TO ADMINISTRATORS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Dear [NAME],

I am writing in regards to [RECENT ISSUE ON CAMPUS]. Freedom of speech has been a hot topic across college campuses. I am part of a movement that helps students protect their rights to free speech and due process. [RECENT ISSUE ON CAMPUS] caught the attention of many students. Now is the time for the administration to take a firm stand on protecting students' rights.

Freedom of speech and academic freedom are essential to our college experience. College classrooms are where ideas are exchanged and students are challenged to think critically. Unfortunately, [RECENT ISSUE ON CAMPUS] is likely to undermine the intellectual debate students can have in the classroom and on campus. It is important for the administration to address this problem and provide a campus environment that endorses the free expression of ideas. Many other colleges across the country are also

taking steps to ensure that freedom of speech is protected on campus. It is time for our campus to do the same.

Sincerely,

LETTER TO ADMINISTRATOR: SPEECH POLICIES

Subject: [SCHOOL PRESIDENT], Please protect free speech

Dear [TITLE] [LAST NAME],

I'm writing to you to discuss [SCHOOL NAME]'s speech codes. While a commitment to free speech is almost universally embraced in concept, many schools have official policies that restrict speech in practice. Although these policies may be written with the best of intentions, I'm concerned these restrictions violate students' free speech rights and prevent higher education from achieving its full potential.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education rates the policies regulating expression at colleges and universities. They use a simple stoplight rating system (red, yellow, and green lights). "Red light" schools have the most clearly restrictive policies, while "yellow light" schools maintain policies that are easily susceptible to abuse and misapplication. "Green light" schools do not imperil free expression in their written policies.

[SCHOOL NAME] has a [RED/YELLOW] light rating, indicating that there is work to be done to improve our schools policies. I, and many other students would like to see [School Name]'s policies improve to a green light rating before we graduate. Would you consider reaching out to FIRE to learn how you can move [SCHOOL NAME] to a green light rating? You can learn more about the specific policies in question at FIRE's [Spotlight page](#) or contact FIRE directly by emailing Policy@thefire.org.

Now more than ever it is of the utmost importance that students' speech rights are protected. For campuses to maintain a robust intellectual environment, speech must be free from undue restrictions. I would be thrilled to work with you to improve these policies so that the speech rights of all students on campus are protected. Students' education depends on intellectual engagement with a wide range of ideas and perspectives, not merely those that are popular or uncontroversial. Please help ensure student rights are better protected at [SCHOOL NAME].

Sincerely,

LETTER TO ADMINISTRATOR: ADOPTION OF THE CHICAGO STATEMENT

[DATE]

Office of the President

[OFFICE ADDRESS]

Dear [INSTITUTION PRESIDENT],

My name is [NAME] and I am a [YEAR IN SCHOOL] here at [INSTITUTION]. I'm writing you today to express my support for the [Chicago Statement](#) and to ask the school to adopt these principles to ensure that [INSTITUTION] remains devoted to unfettered inquiry and the search for truth.

In January 2015, the Committee on Freedom of Expression at the University of Chicago issued a powerful new statement on the importance of freedom of expression on campus. The Chicago Statement guarantees “all members of the University community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn” and makes clear that “it is not the proper role of the University to attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive.” This inspiring commitment provides students and professors the freedom needed to learn and teach to the best of their abilities.

Princeton University and Purdue University, among more than 20 other institutions, have adopted sections of the Chicago Statement as operative policy following its introduction. If colleges and universities nationwide follow their excellent example, the now-commonplace censorship of student and faculty expression would face a powerful new challenge. I urge [SCHOOL NAME] to help lead the charge.

Sincerely,

PRESENTATION TO STUDENT SENATE

Suggested Materials: Prepared Statement, Powerpoint Presentation, Handouts

- Educate the Student Senate or governing body at your school about the importance of free speech rights on campus.
 - If you go to a public institution, explain how the university has an obligation to uphold the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
 - If you attend a private institution and your institution promises students free expression rights, explain how your university might not be living up to its promises.
 - Whether you attend a public or private university, educate your school's student governing body about the [Chicago Statement](#) and the important protections that it offers.
- Discuss the important role that free speech plays in higher education.
 - Explain how policies that breach student rights harm the academic environment by

undermining the process of truth discovery that provides the foundation for a free, educated, and open society.

- Articulate the nature of the offending policies and how they fall short. Reach out to FIRE for [expert advice](#) on how your school's policies can be improved to protect student rights.
- Show how a statement in support of [free speech](#) can help your school take a stand on the importance of student rights.
- Proposals and Requests: Ask the student governing body to pass a [resolution](#) in support of the [Chicago Statement](#) or calling for a change in policies that violate free speech rights on campus.

Activism Tips: Share the resolution throughout the campus community via email, social media, tabling events on campus, and word of mouth. Build a coalition of students representing a cross section of the campus community. Request to have hearings and panel discussions in an effort to influence the administration. Work to develop a rapport with at least one member of the Student Senate or governing body. Set and stick to deadlines. Be open and willing to work with the Student Senate to help write and propose revisions, repeals, and updates to the administration. Make your work visible by publishing articles in the campus newspaper detailing your initiative.

ORGANIZE A PROTEST/ PACK THE FREE SPEECH ZONE

Suggested Materials: Poster Boards, Speech Code Flyers, Markers

- Organize a large group of students across the political spectrum to participate in a demonstration on campus.
- If your school has a free speech zone, work to get as many students as possible to gather there for a protest. [Learn more about free speech zones](#).
- Ask students in attendance to make signs about a cause or issue that they are passionate about. Show your university the many students and groups that want to engage in activism on campus but are prevented from doing so by restrictive campus speech codes.
 - It is essential for all groups on campus to be able to utilize campus space for their activism efforts. This campaign is a great way to demonstrate that restrictive speech policies affect a broad range of students and groups with a diverse set of interests.
- If available, make sure to hand out copies of, or make available a link to, your school's [Spotlight](#) rating.

Activism Tips: Be sure to read up on your [right to protest on campus](#) before you start planning the event. Advertise the event in advance on social media, through email blasts, by flyering on campus, or whatever way is the most effective method of getting the word out on your campus. Don't forget to reach out to those outside the student body, like professors, who make helpful allies and may want to take part in the event.

COMMUNITY LEADERS MEETING

Suggested Materials: Venue Conducive to Discussion, Information About your School's Policies, Snacks

- Bring together representatives from various student groups and campus organizations.
- Make the case that freedom of speech is a nonpartisan issue which a broad coalition of campus groups can work together on.
- Make the case that university policies that can be abused are to the detriment of everyone on campus, not just certain groups. Inadequate free speech protections put everyone at risk.
 - Offer real examples from your campus and from FIRE's case archives. Here are just a few of many examples of students from across the political spectrum facing censorship on campus:
 - [Georgetown Law students forbidden from campaigning on campus for Bernie Sanders as election season kicks off in Iowa](#)
 - [Valdosta State University: Student expelled for peacefully protesting parking garages](#)
 - [Student animal rights activist sues Cal Poly Pomona for requiring permit to speak](#)
 - [Wichita State student government refuses to recognize libertarian student group because of First Amendment advocacy](#)
- Call attention to your school's policies, specifically, and start a conversation about how your school's administration could abuse these policies, and the threat this poses to all students on campus.
 - Ask students in the room to raise their hands if they have an issue that they care deeply about or if they are planning to host or attend a protest on campus.
 - If you have a free speech zone on campus, start a discussion about how activism efforts and initiatives for many groups could be seriously hindered because of it.

Activism Tips: Write down discussion questions in advance of the meeting. Take notes during the meeting. Make sure that everyone leaves the meeting with clear action items explaining how they can stay involved. Follow-up the meeting with a thank you note reminding attendees of the action items and warmly thanking them for participating in the event.

SAMPLE EMAIL TO STUDENT LEADER

Hello [NAME],

I am a student involved with [CLUB/ORGANIZATION NAME]. Currently, I am attempting to change our school's speech code policies and I need your help. Freedom of speech is something that affects everyone on campus and your leadership with [ORGANIZATION NAME] could help turn this idea into a movement. I am reaching out to you in the sincere hope that we can unite behind this important issue

and demand that administrators take notice and change the current free speech policies on campus.

You may not be focusing on free speech issues in your group, but the restrictive policies our school imposes limits the rights of every one of us and hinder our ability to get our messages out to the student body. Join me and our fellow student leaders in fighting for our right to free speech and speaking truth to power. Our first meeting will be an informal gathering on [DATE] at [TIME]. Can I expect to see you there?

Sincerely,

FOLLOW UP: POTLUCK DINNER PARTY

Suggested Materials: Venue, Food, Drinks, Cutlery, Cups

- Who doesn't love delicious food? Host a dinner and facilitate a conversation about how important it is to be able to speak truth to power on campus and work to create a sense of community among diverse groups on campus.
- This is a great follow-up or alternative to a formal community leaders meeting.

Activism Tips: Collaborate with other student organizations and ask each group to bring a dish. Be mindful of dietary restrictions. Find an open venue that can accommodate all attendees at large tables. Start with a short introduction about the goal of the event and about the host organization. Share stories. Keep the conversation going by asking questions to the group. Make sure that attendees are sitting next to someone new.

FOLLOW UP: CAMPUS TOWN HALL

Suggested Materials: Venue, AV, Sound

- Bring the campus community together for a town hall discussion on problematic policies that endanger or violate student rights.
- A town hall is a great way to educate students and administrators about a shared concern and to discuss how the campus community can work together to address it.
- By including different campus leaders as MCs or panelists, you will convey to the administration a stronger message of unified support in your advocacy.

Activism Tips: Be organized and prepare questions in advance. Be sure to give the audience time for a question and answer session. Recognize all groups who helped to organize the event. Have at least one person take notes during the event, including some of the questions and answers. Follow-up with a press release or article in your student paper or other local outlets detailing the event's success. Offer students the townhall meeting minutes, which is a breakdown of what will be covered during the townhall and detailing how each group can benefit from having representatives in attendance.

TIPS FOR CAMPUS ACTIVISM

- **Make and sustain connections.** Reach out to friends, classmates, professors, university department heads, administrators, and student organization leaders. Don't view anyone on campus as being outside the purview of the campaign. University faculty and staff can be strong allies in the fight to protect and defend student rights on campus.
- **Use social media.** By utilizing social media—creating a Facebook event page or Twitter and Instagram profiles—you can reach a larger audience in an efficient and cost-effective way. Periodically “share” pictures, thought-provoking articles, and information about events on social media in order to increase the campaign's visibility and promote the campaign on campus. Think about using a hashtag that is customized to your campus like #JUSpeaksTruthToPower.
- **Promote.** Think outside the box on how to get the word out about the campaign and foster allies. Starting conversations with your peers and showing up to different events is a great way to show good-will and support for other organization's efforts. A major element of this campaign is teaming up with other groups on campus. Along with emailing other organization leaders, consider attending other clubs' meetings. Be sure to give a heads up or ask first. When you go, bring flyers and graphics to distribute, arrive early, and ask leaders prior to the meeting for permission to distribute the flyers and to say a few words at the end of the event about your initiative.

Explore FIRE's resources to learn more about free speech zones, speech codes, and how to adopt principles on campus to protect student expression. Research what is happening on your campus and brainstorm what would be the best plan of action.

In addition, check out the following tips for activism on campus. If you need help planning an event, tips for working with administrators, or are looking for inspiration, these resources offer valuable guidance. Of course, if you should require anything else or wish to discuss a personalized activism plan, don't hesitate to reach out to the FSN Team at students@thefire.org.

LEARN MORE

TIPS

[Learn more about your rights](#)

[First Amendment on Campus: Public vs. Private Universities](#)

[Know your school's speech code](#)

[Look up your school's speech code](#)

[Spotlight on Speech Codes 2017](#)

['Free Speech Zones,' Then and Now](#)

[FAQ for student protests on campus](#)

[Adopt a free speech statement, like the Chicago Principles, on campus](#)

[Adopting the Chicago Statement](#)

[Model free expression resolution](#)

[Chicago Statement endorsement letter to the university](#)

[Chicago Statement endorsement letter to alma mater](#)

[Do's and don'ts of campus activism](#)

[Tips for coalition building](#)

[Tips for working with administrators](#)

[Tips for effective tabling](#)

[Using social media to bolster your activism](#)

[Host a FIRE Speaker on your campus](#)

[Tips for hosting an event on campus](#)

[Checklist for hosting an event](#)

[Placing an op-ed or letter to the editor in your student newspaper](#)

[How to get your op-ed placed in a professional publication](#)

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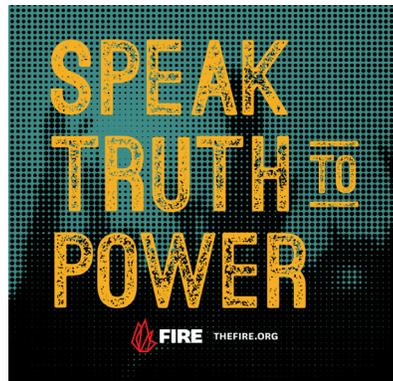


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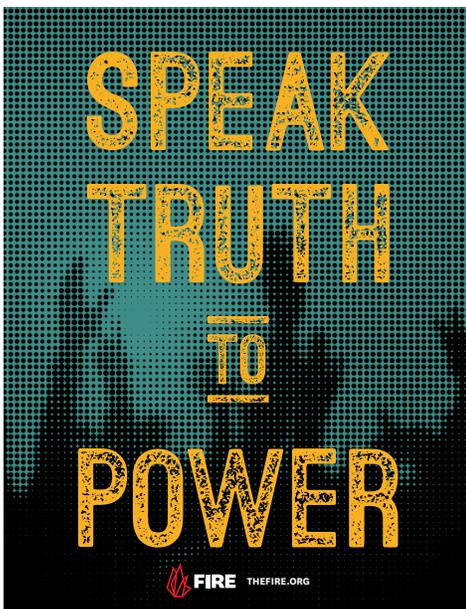


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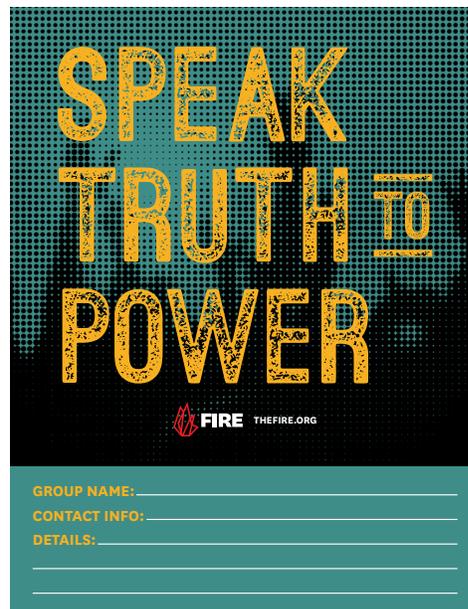


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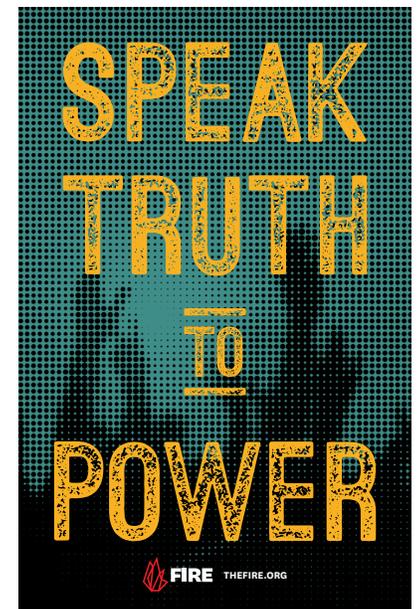
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General Flyer 8.5x11in



Event Flyer 8.5x11in



Handbill 5.5x8.5in

GOOD LUCK!

If you have any questions or need advice, don't hesitate to reach out to FSN staff.

Let us know how your campaign is going along the way! Feel free to keep us in the loop over email, and by tagging us in your Twitter and Instagram posts.

