



“It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.”

—Supreme Court Justice **Abe Fortas**
Tinker v. Des Moines School District (1969)

While the Tinker case established that high school students have free speech rights, subsequent cases have refined the Tinker argument. High schoolers study in an environment that balances respect for the rights of students with commitment to the discipline of education without major disruptions.

CAMPUS

This year’s Oklahoma First Amendment Congress focuses on the *1st Amendment on Campus* as we discuss the rights of high school students and the court cases that have addressed these rights.

You’re Invited

2014 First Amendment Congress

for High School Students

Wednesday, **November 5, 2014** • Constitution Hall • **University of Central Oklahoma**, Edmond

Who should attend?

The First Amendment Congress is a day designed for high school students, educators, parents, anyone interested in helping our young people understand the First Amendment.

Where will the Congress be held?

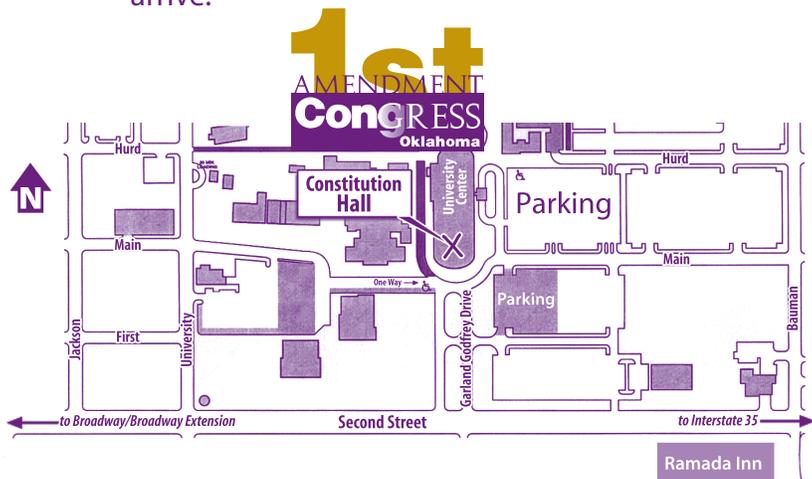
We’ll meet at Constitution Hall in the University Center at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Enter the campus on Garland Godfrey Drive from Second Street. To get to Second Street in Edmond, exist east off Broadway or west off I-35.

Continuing Education Credit

CEU credit is planned for Public Librarian Certification, as is “Verification of Attendance” for educators.

Parking Information

Congress participants arriving in cars are asked to park east of Constitution Hall. (See map.) School buses will be given parking instructions when they arrive.



Schedule

8:30 AM **Registration** Constitution Hall, UCO

9 AM **Opening Session**

How well do you understand the First Amendment provision on free speech? Oklahoma State University associate professor **Dr. Joey Senat**, our MC for the day, will present examples of challenged speech to enlighten students on this most fundamental of freedoms.

9:50 AM **Break**

10 AM **The Free Speech Clause: Free Speech or Cyberbullying?**

Social Media is revolutionizing how Americans express themselves. A post, on Twitter or Instagram, can be consumed by hundreds or even thousands of individuals. What happens when free speech is criticized as “bullying,” and what kinds of school policies try to influence when and how students express themselves in cyberspace?

10:50 AM **Break**

11 AM **The Assembly Clause: Demonstrations and Protests**

Anti-abortion demonstrators share their opinions with students outside Norman High School. A Black Mass is held at Oklahoma City’s Civic Center while outraged citizens protest outside the venue. These are examples of assembly just this year in Oklahoma. We witness Americans practicing their right to assemble daily, but how much do we know about the assembly clause and what the courts have said?

12 PM **Lunch**

12:45 PM **Zach D. Taylor Essay Contest winners recognized**

1:00 PM **The Establishment Clause: Biblical Curriculums in Public Schools**

The courts’ readings of the Establishment (or Religion) Clause emphasize a separation of church and state. While there is a tradition of classes on world religions and *The Bible* in public-funded high schools, the announcement of any new planned curriculum related to religion is often met with skepticism and concern on the part of parents, students, and taxpayers. What kind of guidelines have the courts established to help schools navigate the implementation of such curriculums?

2:00 PM **Adjourn**

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Registration Form

Students and Teachers—**\$5** (includes lunch) _____ Number of Students/Teachers \$ _____ Total Students/Teachers
 All other individuals —**\$15** (includes lunch) _____ Number of other individuals \$ _____ Total Individuals

Registration for students and teachers is **\$8 each after October 31** \$ _____ Total Registration

Name(s) and Address(es) _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____ For more information, please visit www.odl.state.ok.us/fyi/foi

Attention Teachers: Include only your name and contact information on this form. At this time, we only need to know how many students you are bringing. Please bring a list of students attending on the day of registration. **Registration Deadline—October 31**

Mail this form and payment to:

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