



# Your Turn – Law of the Land

The United States Supreme Court has the final say in court decisions. Review the following questions and decide where your opinion rests on the spectrum. Supreme Court Justices have to rule for either the plaintiff or the defendant, so your response will have to side with one as well. Good luck!

Should school districts be able to force students to salute the flag of the United States of America?

*(Minersville School District v. Gobitis) & (West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette)*

<b>Yes</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	<b>No</b>
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Should school officials have the right to search students?

*(New Jersey v. T.L.O.)*

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Should schools be allowed to regulate student dress codes?

*(Vines v. Board of Education of Zion School District No. 6, et al.)*

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Should prayer be allowed in public schools in a noncompulsory manner?

*(Engel v. Vitale)*

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Should it be allowable to fire a teacher based on low standardized test scores from their students?

*(Scheelhaase v. Woodbury)\**

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Should it be allowable for public Universities to consider race when admitting applicants?

*(Regents of the University of California v. Bakke)*

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Should administration members be able to censor student newspapers?

*(Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier)*

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Should parents/guardians have access to their student's school records?

*(Van Allen v. McCleary)*

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Should individuals under 18 be allowed to receive the death penalty for their crimes?

*(Roper v. Simmons)*

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Should teachers or administrators be able to utilize corporal punishment with students?

*(Ingram v. Wright)*

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Should schools be allowed to compel student athletes to take drug tests?

*(Vernonia School District v. Acton)*

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Should public schools be allowed to let religious or political clubs run by students to exist on campuses?  
(*West Side Community Schools v. Mergens*)

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Should minors be allowed to be tried as adults within the court system?  
(*Kent v. United States*)

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Should peer-grading be allowed within classes if students feel it violates their privacy?  
(*Owasso Independent School District No. 1-011 v. Falvo*)

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Should students' freedom of speech rights extend to promotion of illegal activities such as drug use while at school?  
(*Morse v. Frederick*)

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