

# Moor Viewpoints

## Is it appropriate to express religious beliefs in a school setting?

At Superior Elementary School of California, a student was banned from singing a Christian song that mentioned Jesus "too many times," according to the school. This event brought up questions concerning First Amendment and the separation of church and state.



"A school is a community of ideas; as long as you're not preaching in school or saying that you must follow this religion, it doesn't violate the separation between church and state."

- Willis Zhang, junior



"It's fine. They're not forcing you and singing 'I want you to [join] my religion.' It's just expressing a belief and everyone has the right to express."

- Valerie Cadral, sophomore

"It's freedom of speech. Singing songs at a talent show isn't even teaching religion. We teach mythology in school and that's fine with everyone."

- Alejandro Prado, senior



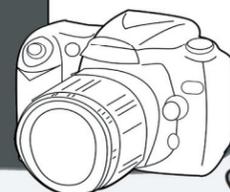
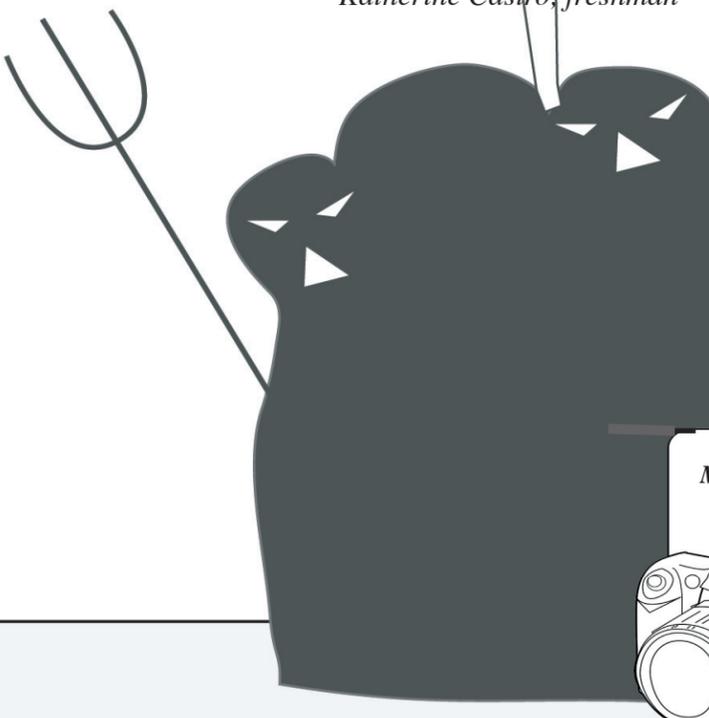
"People might be offended, especially if they belong to a different religion or atheist. This could cause conflicts or even riots."

- Kent Jitpatima, freshman



"Students have their own choice and their own rights. People can't force them *not* to sing certain songs."

- Katherine Castro, freshman



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