

First Amendment and Online Speech

Directions: Pick one of the following court cases and follow instructions. When you turn the assignment in, turn in this page, your notes and the final typed evaluation.

Choices:

- Florida student Katherine Evans created a Facebook group called “Ms. Sarah Phelps is the worst teacher I’ve ever met!”
- Philadelphia teacher, Natalie Munroe, suspended for blog post about students.
- Kara Kowalski posted comments about another students on Myspace on her home computer and was suspended.

A: Research and take notes on your own piece of paper on the case. You must record 5 sites that you go to for information.

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B: After taking notes and having a good understanding of the course, you will write a one page minimum double spaced paper. The first section of the paper should be a summary of the case and events that happened and any outcomes that came from the case. The second part (should be the majority of you paper) will be your evaluation of the situation. Connect what was discussed in class to the case you researched. Do you agree with the punishment of the person involved in the case? Do you agree with any legal outcomes in the case? If there was no legal outcome, how should the court decide this case?