



National Free to Speak Campaign Fact Sheet

1. Gateways to Better Education's pamphlet, *Free to Speak*, which summarizes the U.S. Department of Education's **Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools**. This document can be found by going to http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html
2. The guidelines were issued twice during the Clinton administration (1995 and 1998) and once under the Bush administration (2003). The link to the document issued during the Clinton administration is <http://www.ed.gov/Speeches/08-1995/religion.html>
3. According to the guidelines, the Supreme Court has ruled that students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate..."
4. A 2008 Columbia University survey found that 53 percent of students ages 12-17 (84 percent from public schools) report attending religious services three or more times per month. National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse XIII: Teens and Parents (August 2008), page E-4
<http://www.casacolumbia.org/articlefiles/380-2008%20Teen%20Survey%20Report.pdf>
5. **Gateways to Better Education** is a nonprofit organization specializing in helping public schools understand how to create faith-friendly learning environments and lawfully teach students about Judeo-Christian history, thought, and values. Their website is www.gtbe.org.
6. **The Alliance Defense Fund** is a legal alliance of Christian attorneys and like-minded organizations defending the right of people to freely live out their faith. Launched in 1994, ADF employs a unique combination of strategy, training, funding, and litigation to protect and preserve religious liberty, the sanctity of life, marriage, and the family." Their website is www.adfmedia.org.