# History of New Trier's students rights

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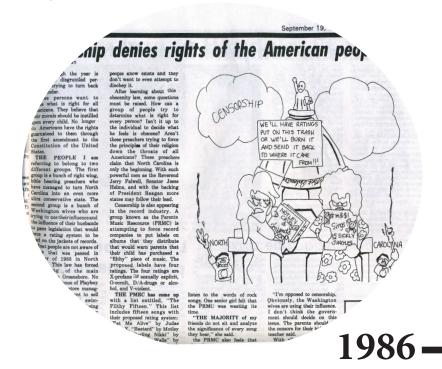
1970



1975

## Students feels oppressed

An explanation of basic rights, mostly First Amendment rights, and how they apply to the school environment. In the end, it shows that New Trier's policies and the rights they give their students are generally better than many other schools in the country.



#### Letter to the editor

This addresses the rising threat of censorship in America and how it relates to everyone's constitutional rights. During this time period, there was considerable concern about right-wing conservatives trying to pass bills and rally support for censorship of American publications and products.

1991**—** 

### Concern over closed campus policy

The closed campus policy at New Trier has been a long standing and often debated issue. This New Trier News article came at a time when the closed campus policy was just going into effect, sparking some concern and anger from the student body. Most of the reasons behind the policy being put into effect pertained to concerns over possible gang activity and local business owners angry with students loitering around their establishments

#### Constitutional rights affect school day

Questions over what happens to constitutional rights in a school setting are examined, and what rights students can lose once they enter a school. In the end, restrictions on rights are implemented mostly as a needed safety measure for the students.

**-1973** 

## Students write letters about their rights (not pictured)

Students are able to ask questions about their rights in a school environment. Students, if they chose to, could write to the Legal Assistance Foundation, inc. and ask questions about subjects such as what constitutes probable cause for suspension and a student's rights in self-defense against a teacher.



**-**1980

#### **Students write constitution**

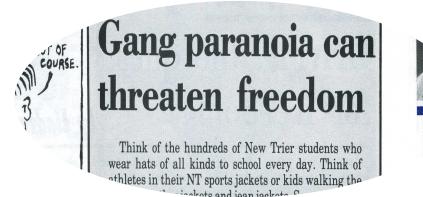
A new constitution for New Trier is set to be discussed at the meeting, which ranged from East and West campus relations, to student leader election procedures. This article is an example of how policy-making used to play out at New Trier and how school rules were formed.



**-**1992

## Staff editorial

In an editorial discussing recent events, especially dress code reforms, the New Trier News addressed concerns in high schools about gang activity. This came at a time shortly after Maine East imposed a stricter dress code due to concerns over gang symbols entering the school through aspects of



**-2000**