



WHAT IS MARCH 14?

March 14 is the one-month anniversary of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Students across the nation are staging a 17-minute walk-out in honor of the 17 lives taken in the tragedy in Parkland, Florida.

This is a student-led effort and not one created by the District. Students and administration, however, mutually see the importance of collaborating so that students have spaces where their voices can be heard.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO FOR 17 MINUTES?

General McLane High School students will walk-out of their classrooms and head to the auditorium to participate in a 17-minute event that will honor the 17 students killed in Parkland. Students will not be protesting any specific agenda, but will rather be coming together to honor and raise money for the victims. Students who participate can make a donation, with all proceeds going to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Outside of this event, students will sell Donuts for Douglas and also provide education on how students can register to vote.

WHO IS ORGANIZING THIS ACTION?

Key Club is organizing this event for peers to honor the victims.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This event is for students only and will be supervised by adults. Teachers who do not have students during this time may attend this event. In order to help ensure the safety of students and staff, this event is not open to the public.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING INSIDE THE SCHOOL?

General McLane values the safety of all students and wants to ensure that they express their opinions *safely*. Students are collaborating with administration so that General McLane can optimize school safety and provide a safe environment for all students.

WHY ARE WE GIVING PERMISSION FOR STUDENTS TO DO THIS?

General McLane School District is respecting students' views and recognizes that students have the right to advocate for their beliefs when it is implemented in a way that does not interfere with our educational mission. General McLane student organizers have coordinated this event in a way that meets the District's core values.

WHAT IF I WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN MY OWN WALK-OUT BEYOND THIS EVENT?

Students do not have permission to walk out of the school building since it would jeopardize their safety and goes against our core values. The students will be disciplined accordingly.

WHAT ABOUT THE #MARCH4OURLIVES ON MARCH 24, IN DC?

If students wish to attend the March in DC, they have the right to attend. The District is not funding this trip.

WHAT ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS?

General McLane schools are a limited open forum for political and religious activity. This prohibition is directed at members of the public and thus relates to adult community members.

Student political and religious expression are governed under a different policy and case law. Policy 220 states "Students have the right to express themselves unless such expression is likely to or does materially or substantially interfere with the educational process. . ." In this case, members of the Key Club approached the high school administration about this idea and have worked closely together to be sure the event does not materially interfere with the educational process. A 17-minute disruption is relatively minor given the length assigned to assemblies and other events. Additionally, this event is being structured with some educational value.