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Dear KBPS Families,

The KBPS Broadcasting class is a unique major at Benson because AM 1450 is licensed and regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Juniors and Seniors are expected to do live air shifts on AM 1450 and follow FCC regulations. Please discuss the importance of **"Not Using Profanity in the KBPS Broadcast Center"** with your student, sign and return this page to KBPS Instructor Jacob Patterson. Students can be banned from doing live air shifts or transferred to another Benson major if indecency or station format issues arise. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

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It is a violation of federal law to air obscene programming at any time. It is also a violation of federal law to broadcast indecent or profane programming during certain hours. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines indecent speech as material that, in context, depicts or describes sexual or excretory organs or activities in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium. Congress has given the FCC the responsibility for administratively enforcing the law that governs these types of broadcasts. The FCC has authority to issue civil monetary penalties, revoke a license or deny a renewal application. The FCC vigorously enforces this law where we find violations. In addition, the United States Department of Justice has authority to pursue criminal violations. Violators of the law, if convicted in a federal district court, are subject to criminal fines and/or imprisonment for not more than two years. At the same time, however, the Commission is careful of First Amendment protections and the prohibitions on censorship and interference with broadcasters' freedom of speech. The FCC has denied complaints in cases in which we determined the broadcast was not indecent based on the overall context of the programming.

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/obscenity-indecency-and-profanity>

Types of [Fees](#) FCC Collects

- [Forfeitures](#) are penalties that the FCC may assess for violations of law or noncompliance with authorizations.

If the violator is a broadcast station licensee or permittee, a cable television operator, or an applicant for any broadcast or cable television operator license, permit, certificate, or other instrument of authorization issued by the Commission, except as otherwise noted in this paragraph, the forfeiture penalty under this section shall not exceed **\$51,827** for each violation or each day of a continuing violation, except that the amount assessed for any continuing violation shall not exceed a total of **\$518,283** for any single act or failure to act described in paragraph (a) [of this section](#).

I have read this form and understand that profanity and obscenity are not allowed in the KBPS Broadcast Center.

(Parent's printed name)

(Parent's signature)

(Date)

(Student's printed name)

(Student's signature)

(Date)