

Regulation

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY STUDENTS AND STAFF

Distribution

The principal or his or her designee shall approve all the distributions of independently published materials such as newspapers, magazines, leaflets and other literature that shall be distributed on school property. The following rules shall apply to the distribution of materials that are not school sponsored:

- A. The principal or his or her designee shall not approve for distribution any materials that are:
1. Prejudicial against any person by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, nationality, disability or other protected class;
 2. Libelous of any specific person or persons;
 3. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect or point of view over any other religious denomination, sect or point of view;
 4. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material which may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;
 5. Contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable students who may receive them;
 6. Incite violence, advocate the use of force or urge the violation of law or school regulations;
 7. Advertise goods or services for the benefit of profit making organizations;
 8. Fail to identify the student or staff member responsible for distribution and the agent responsible for reproduction;
 9. Are offered for sale to other students;
 10. Solicit funds for non-school organization or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the principal;
 11. Promote, favor or oppose any candidate for election to the board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal or question submitted at any election;
- B. The places of the distribution shall be limited to the school sidewalk in front of the main entrance to the building and on the school sidewalk in front of the student entrance;
- C. In the case of rain, specific approval shall be required each time to distribute materials inside the school building. Approval would permit two students in the main entrance lobby and two students in the entrance lobby;
- D. Distribution shall not interfere with the educational program and shall only be permitted one-half hour before and after the official opening and closing of the school academic day;
- E. Distributions shall be approved by the principal at least two days prior to distribution;
- F. Questionable materials shall be approved by the chief school administrator prior to distribution;
- G. The students distributing the materials shall be required to clean up any litter that result from dropped materials that are distributed. Wastebaskets will be provided;
- H. The distribution of material shall not in any way block student traffic or the entrances to the building.

Appeal

Students denied distribution approval because material falls into the prohibited categories as described above may appeal to the chief school administrator. Should their petition be denied again, students may still appeal to the board using the procedures as detailed in board policy and regulation 5145.6 student Grievance.

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Responsibility for Material Distributed

Published materials must be clearly labeled with the name of student or staff member responsible for the published material. Materials written by student or staff member shall be clearly signed.

Printing of Materials

No school owned materials or equipment are to be used in printing materials for distribution.

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