

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Board encourages student publications as classroom-related learning experiences in such courses as English and journalism and as extracurricular activities. These allow for coverage of student activities and the writing and printing of original literary and artistic productions; however, certain necessary guidelines are established to regulate the publication and dissemination of student publications.

### School-Sponsored Publications

School publications, including video and other forms of media, afford an educational experience for students interested in this activity and should provide an opportunity for the sincere expression of all facets of student opinion. These guidelines are as follows.

1. Faculty advisors advise on matters of style, grammar, format and suitability of materials.
2. The school publication reflects the policy and judgment of the student editors. Material of a controversial nature should not be prohibited unless it:
  - a. threatens to disrupt the educational process of the school, damage other individuals or advocate conduct that otherwise is inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order (e.g., advocating drug or alcohol use);
  - b. threatens any person or group within the school or advocates unlawful discrimination;
  - c. advocates violation of the law or official school regulations;
  - d. is considered false or libelous, based upon available facts, and
  - e. is potentially harmful to juveniles or offensive according to community standards as to what is suitable for juveniles.
3. The final decision as to the suitability of material rests with the principal after consultation with the student editor and faculty advisor. Parties have the right of appeal to the Superintendent.

### Nonschool-Sponsored Publications

Students who edit, publish and/or wish to distribute nonschool-sponsored handwritten, printed or duplicated matter among their fellow students in the schools must assume responsibility for the content of the publication. Students may be restricted as to the time, place, and manner of distribution or may be prohibited from distributing such publications.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I

CROSS REFS.: EDE, Computer Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)  
IIBH, District Websites  
JF, Student Rights and Responsibilities