

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES

Publications and Distribution of Posting of Materials:

School-sponsored publications and productions are part of the curriculum and are not a public forum for general student use. Material appearing in such publications should reflect all areas of student interest, including topics about which there are may be controversy or dissent. Controversial issues may be presented provided they are treated in depth and represent a variety of viewpoints. Such materials may not be libelous, obscene, or profane; they may not cause a substantial disruption of the school, invade the privacy laws or others, demean any race, religion, gender, or ethnic group, or advocate the violation of the law. They may not advertise tobacco, liquor, illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia. School authorities may edit or delete material which is inconsistent with this policy.

The Superintendent shall develop guidelines to implement these standards and shall establish procedures for the prompt review of any materials which appear not to comply with the standards.

Non-School Sponsored Publications:

Distribution in school of written materials that is obscene, libelous, invades the privacy of others, will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, or advocates conduct otherwise inconsistent with shared values of a civilized social order is prohibited. Distribution in school includes distribution on school property or at school-related activities. Students who distribute such material or who write or publish such material for distribution engage in gross disobedience and misconduct and will be disciplined in accordance with Board policy.

Distribution and Posting of Materials:

To facilitate the distribution of materials with information about student activities, each school building may maintain a centrally located bulletin board for the posting of materials, and/or maintain a table available to groups for placing approved materials.

School-sponsored groups are permitted to distribute materials directly to student. Outside groups, including governmental agencies, parent and student organizations not sponsored by the school, and community organizations, may be permitted to display their materials on a centrally located bulletin board and/or table available for the displaying of materials. Materials to be distributed directly to students must be submitted to the Business Office for prior approval. The District may require that the group submit the materials within a reasonable time period prior to the distribution or display to ensure the material is appropriate.

The District has the discretion to require that materials from outside groups contain the following disclaimer: *"These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the District, the Superintendent, or this school."*