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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Board recognizes that creative student expression is an educational benefit in a school setting with a degree of order in which proper learning can take place.

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law will be observed in regard to student publications, whether school-sponsored or non-school-sponsored. The observance of these rights must be balanced against the duty of educating students in an orderly manner to protect the rights of all.

Students shall submit publications for approval prior to distribution. When approval is required, school administrators must make available to students the standards which will be used in determining the grant or denial of permission. Such guidelines will be specific and will be directed toward ascertaining which publications will cause substantial disruption of, or material interference with, school activities or intrusions into school affairs or the lives of others.

1. Student publications shall explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the school.
2. Only publications that are published by persons attending the school or a member of the school district staff may be distributed unless permission is granted by the school administration 48 hours in advance.
3. All revenue raised from the sale of these publications must be used to meet publication expense or be contributed to a charitable organization.
4. Unacceptable items in student publications include so called "hate" literature which scurrilously attacks ethnic, religious and racial groups; other irresponsible items aimed at creating hostility and violence; materials denigrating to specific individuals in or out of school; pornography, obscenity, and other similar materials not suitable for distribution in school.
5. Students who edit, publish and distribute non-sanctioned school publications must assume full responsibility for the contents.
6. Editorial freedom entails the same obligations as under the rules of responsible journalism and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Publications may not be distributed during school hours and may not be distributed in the school building.

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