

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

School-sponsored publications such as newspapers, yearbooks and literary magazines are a valuable extension of the school curriculum. They provide an opportunity for students to learn and practice reasonable self-expression and responsible journalism. These publications are not intended to provide a public forum for students or the general public.

Faculty advisors will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Student editors have initial responsibility in determining content, but may be required to submit publications for approval by the principal prior to distribution.

The Board authorizes school administrators to delete or require the editing of material that:

- A. Is vulgar, indecent or obscene;
- B. Is libelous, defamatory or improperly invades the privacy or otherwise violates the rights of students or staff;
- B. Is reasonably foreseeable to lead to the substantial disruption of school activities or to endanger the health or safety of students or staff;
- C. Advocates the commission of an unlawful act or the violation of Board policy or school rules;
- D. Advocates the use of products or services that are illegal for minors;
- E. Advocates prejudice, hatred, violence or harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, disability, sex, or sexual orientation; or
- F. Violates intellectual property rights; or
- G. Is inconsistent with the legitimate educational concerns of the schools.

The Superintendent/designee is authorized to develop review and appeal procedures for students who feel that their material has been improperly or unfairly censored.

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