

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

It is the policy of the Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education that students, school personnel, and school facilities may not be used in any manner for advertising, selling, fund raising, or promoting the interests of any non-school agency, organization, or individual without the prior written approval of the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

General: The District may allow the distribution of literature or the posting of notices in buildings which relate to school activities, which are informational materials, or which relate to employment opportunities, community events, or cultural activities.

The District hereby creates a limited open forum in which private persons or entities may utilize District facilities for the distribution of materials according to the procedures and criteria set forth below. This policy shall apply to the distribution of non-school publications and materials by students. The District reserves the right to choose the type of delivery method.

Direct Distribution of School-sponsored Materials: The following materials are considered as school-sponsored materials that may be distributed directly to students by the District:

1. The distribution of official school publications, including but not limited to, yearbooks or student newspapers;
2. Materials regarding school-sponsored activities;
3. Materials produced by non-profit organizations which exist to support the District and its schools, including parent-teacher organizations or associations, the District's foundation, and school booster clubs;
4. Materials produced or provided by city, county, state, or federal governmental agencies; or
6. Materials produced and/or provided by non-profit organizations with which the District has a partnership or agreement.

Other Materials to be Distributed: Those persons or entities which provide community based youth-related activities shall be allowed to distribute materials in the District at any time determined appropriate by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. Material to be distributed shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee to determine that it references a community-based youth-related activity and is appropriate for the age group to which it will be distributed.

Distribution Procedure for Other Materials: All materials other than school-sponsored materials sought to be distributed to students shall be submitted to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee at least two weeks prior to the date being sought for distribution or posting.

Prohibited Materials: The District shall not allow the distribution of materials which:

1. Depict tobacco products, alcohol products (including beer), drugs, or drug-related paraphernalia or products;
2. Depict sex or sexual activity, or which are lewd, indecent, vulgar, obscene, or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards related to minors;
3. Attack ethnic, religious, or racial groups (i.e., "hate" material);
4. Promote hostility, disorder, or violence;
5. Promote, endorse, or oppose any political candidate, beliefs, party, or issues;
6. Violate any applicable copyright laws;
7. Invade the privacy of others;
8. Promote illegal activities for minors;
9. Are defamatory, libelous, misleading, or false;
10. Are not age-appropriate;
11. Promote discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, disability, age, or gender; and
12. Promote organizations, individuals, or groups who are for-profit corporations or businesses.

Disclaimer Sign Required: All materials shall contain a statement which provides as follows: These materials are neither sponsored by nor endorsed by Piedmont Schools, the Piedmont Board of Education, its agents, or its employees. The views and the information contained in the materials do not reflect the approval or disapproval of the Board or the School District and its administration.

Violation of Policy: Any person who violates the provisions of this policy may be prohibited from further distribution, and the District may prohibit the distribution of materials sought to be distributed by any person who violates this provision. Students may be disciplined for failing to follow this policy according to District policy on discipline.