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Series 400: Students

STUDENT EXPRESSION ACTIVITIES

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Expression of oral or written student opinions shall be encouraged but they may not be utilized to present material which:

- 1) Has caused, is causing, or reasonably leads the principal to foresee substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities, or
- 2) Endangers the health or safety of students, or
- 3) Advocates the commission of a criminal act or is a criminal act as defined by the Criminal Code of the United States, the State of Wisconsin, or the County of Dane.
- 4) Is libelous or slanderous (and is not privileged) in that it maliciously tends to besmirch the memory of one who is dead or the reputation of one who is alive, or to expose one to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or
- 5) Is obscene in that:
 - a) the average person applying community standards would find that it, taken as a whole, appeals to prurient interest in sex, or
 - b) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for students, or
 - c) taken as a whole, is without redeeming social importance for students and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.
- Legal Ref.: Sections 118.001 Wisconsin Statutes 120.13 Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier
- Cross Ref.: 372, Student Publications 443.1, Student Dress Code
- Adopted: 12/13/82
- Revised: 9/14/87 March 1994 March 2002

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