

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

The Alexandria City School Board seeks to minimize intrusions on the time of students and employees by communications from sources other than the school division. The School Board shall permit the distribution of information or materials when such information or materials are prepared and/or sponsored by:

- the school;
- parent-teacher organizations;
- booster clubs;
- a government organization;
- official ACPS partners in accordance with Policy KQ;
- official City partners and nonprofit organizations who promote the general public interest and the educational welfare of the students; and
- patriotic organizations and youth groups as designated under federal and State law and as listed in Regulation KG-R.

Distribution requests from schools, parent-teacher organizations or booster clubs must be approved by the school principal. Any requests from organizations other than these must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Communications for compliance with Policy KM. Activities described within such information or materials must be related to the educational mission of the Alexandria City Public Schools. In accordance with federal and State law, patriotic organizations and youth groups may distribute materials that encourage participation in such organizations and their activities.

The School Board will not permit distribution of information or materials that:

- are likely to cause substantial disruption of, or a material interference with, school classes; classwork or activities, or the orderly operation of the school;
- would create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts;
- violate school policies, regulations, or the privacy rights of others;
- endorse or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any illegal substance or action;
- endorse or encourage any violation of the Student Code of Conduct (see policy JFC-R);
- are libelous, slanderous, or defamatory under State law;
- are obscene or pornographic, or defamatory, or
- result in financial gain for a third party other than the organizations exempted above.

The Superintendent, by regulation, will establish the time, place, and manner of distribution of permitted materials. No distribution will be allowed during instructional time.

Political Communications

In accordance with policies GBG/KE and KJ, no information or materials may be distributed that advocate:

- the election or defeat of any candidate;
- the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or
- the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly, or Congress. This does not apply to political meetings or rallies held on school grounds through a community use agreement under Policy KG.

When space is available, candidates may use school facilities as permitted by School Board Policy KG and Regulation KG-R governing the use of school facilities. No candidate for election to the School Board, including current School Board members, may promote themselves or their campaign on ACPS media platforms.

Election Day distribution of political materials on school grounds is regulated by the Alexandria Electoral Board.

This policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials or information as part of classroom discussion or projects.

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Legal Refs.: U.S. Constitution, amend. I.
36 U.S.C. Subtitle II, Part B

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc. v. Montgomery County Public Schools, 457 F.3d 376 (4th Cir. 2006)

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.3, 22.1-131, 22.1-293(B-D)

[Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 647 \(effective 7/1/16\)](#)

Cross Refs.: GBG/KE Staff Participation in Political Activities and School Board Election Campaigns
JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct
KBE Internet Privacy
KF-R Regulations for Distribution of Information/Materials in Schools
KFB Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
KG Community Use of School Facilities
KG-R Community Use of School Facilities Regulations and Application
KJ Advertising in the Schools
KM Relations with Community Organizations

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Relations with Parent Organizations
Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and
Partnerships