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The Cherokee County Board of Education recognizes student expression as an educational benefit of the school experience and encourages freedom of comment, both oral and written, with a degree of order conducive to proper learning.

One medium of expression is student journalism. Some student publications, such as yearbooks, magazines and school newspapers, may be developed as part of the curriculum to benefit primarily those who compile, edit and publish them. Because such publications are considered part of the curriculum, these publications are not considered public forums for student expression. As such, the School District may exercise reasonable editorial control to maintain a safe and secure learning environment and to promote the underlying educational purpose of the publication. Accordingly, faculty advisers will be assigned to guide students who are engaged in these curriculum-based activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications will conform to School District regulations.

In such cases, students will be required to submit publications for approval prior to distribution. Each school shall establish a procedure to review staff editorial decisions if necessary, that includes a process of appeal to the Office of School Operations.

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