

# ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 527

Board of Trustees  
Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

## SCHOOL SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

The term "student publication" refers to a publication run by students of the school through curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular program such as Newspaper or Yearbook. Such publications can be hard copy, electronic or appear in social media; have a District staff member as advisor; and utilize District funds and other resources.

The school administration shall determine the time, place and manner of student publications.

Students shall be protected from disciplinary action, including expulsion or suspension, when he/she engages in freedom of speech or expression in accordance with policy related to work on a student publication unless such conduct substantially disrupts the ability of the school to perform its educational mission and the disruption was intentional.

A District staff member acting as an advisor for a student publication shall be protected from discipline to include dismissal, suspension, or retaliation when he/she acts to take responsible and appropriate action to protect a student engaged in protected free speech or expression related to the student publication.

Student publications shall not include libel, obscenity, defamation, false statement, bullying, or material advocating racial, gender identity, special education or religious prejudice.

Each student publication is to contain a disclaimer that such content is not necessarily endorsed by the District and school.

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