STUDENT DISTRIBUTION & POSTING OF NON-CURRICULAR MATERIAL IN SCHOOL

Students shall be permitted to distribute non-curricular material that meets the following criteria and receives district approval as described below:

1. The material is submitted to the Superintendent and/or Principal at least 3 school days before the proposed distribution date. The request must indicate the time and place where the student wishes to distribute material and the ages of students that are the requestor's target audience.
2. The Superintendent and/or Principal shall approve or disapprove the material. [If the Superintendent rejects a request to distribute material, the decision may be appealed to the Board.] The decision to approve material shall not be based on the viewpoint expressed; however, material containing the following shall not be approved for dissemination:
    a. Attacks on ethnicity, race, religion, or other class protected by law;
    b. Promotes violence, terrorism, or other illegal activities, including, but not limited to, tobacco, drug, and/or alcohol use by minors;
    c. Is obscene or pornographic as defined by community standards;
    d. Is reasonably forecasted to materially or substantially disrupt the educational process or environment;
    e. Poses a direct threat to the physical safety of the school population; or,
    f. infringes on the rights of others, such as (but not limited to) material that is libelous or invades an individual's privacy.
3. Requests to distribute non-curricular material in the classroom and/or in areas that are reasonably forecasted to substantially disrupt the educational environment shall be denied; and,
4. Material approved for distribution must include a disclaimer stating that the District does not endorse, approve, or sponsor the activities, views, and events promoted in the material. This disclaimer shall be affixed in a prominent location on the material.

The Superintendent and/or Principal shall document reasons for denying a student's request to distribute non-curricular material.

The Superintendent and/or Principal shall provide notice of their decision to approve or deny a non-curricular material distribution request to the requestor within a reasonable timeframe.

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