KAI: Distribution/Posting of Promotional Literature

Students and faculty of the schools are to be protected from intrusions on their time by announcements, posters, bulletins, and communications of any kind from individuals and organizations not directly connected with the schools.

The Superintendent and the principals are urged to interpret this policy strictly. Exceptions may be made when, in their judgment, the best interests of the students will be served. In case of differences of opinion, the decision of the Superintendent will be final.

The schools will cooperate with agencies in the distribution of materials within the schools if the material is of substantial benefit to the students and their parents and is appropriate to the mission of the schools. The materials may be placed in counseling offices or other suitable areas or may be distributed in classes, subject to the approval of the school principal. A sample of each piece of material distributed in the school shall be sent to the superintendent for his/her information.

Distribution of non-curricular materials will be allowed in the school's subject to the requirements that follow unless the material is "unacceptable" as described herewith:

The following materials are unacceptable: so-called "hate" literature that attacks ethnic, religious, or any racial group; material that promotes hostility, disorder, or violence; that proselytizes a particular religious or political belief; that is libelous, invades the rights of others, or inhibits the functioning of the school or advocates interference with the rights of any individual or with the normal operation of the school; that favors or opposes any political candidate; that is obscene or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards.

Groups or individuals wishing to distribute materials must submit the material to the Superintendent for approval a minimum of two business days before the proposed distribution. The Superintendent will approve or disapprove the distribution on the basis of the material's acceptability provided that the group agrees to:

- 1. Distribute the materials at places within the school or on school grounds as designated by the school principal except that in no event will the materials be distributed in any classroom being occupied by a regularly scheduled class.
- 2. Distribute the materials one-half hour before school and/or during regularly scheduled lunch period and/or 15 minutes after the close of school.
- 3. Remove from school premises or grounds all undistributed or discarded items.
- 4. Not use students as the agents for distribution of the materials without the written consent of each student's parent or guardian.
- 5. Not in any way compel or coerce a student to accept any materials; on the other hand, no school official or student will interfere with the distribution of approved materials.

In the event the Superintendent rejects a request for the distribution of materials, the decision may be appealed to the Board.

This policy governs non-curricular materials, not supplementary instructional materials, which are covered by other policies. However, employees and students of the district are covered by this policy as well as the general public. Violation of this policy, if on the part of students or staff, will result in disciplinary action; if on the part of any other person or persons, the Board will proceed to obtain injunctive relief and damages through the courts where applicable.

The Superintendent will present a copy of this policy to any person or persons wishing to distribute non-curricular materials.

Cross Ref: Policy FDCB: Distribution of Class Lists

Policy KAIA: School Directory

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