

# MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT EXPRESSION

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| 220. STUDENT EXPRESSION                          |   |
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| <p>1. Purpose</p>                                | <p>The Joint Operating Committee respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute materials as a part of that expression, but it also recognizes that the exercise of that right must be limited by the school's responsibility to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p>   |
| <p>2. Authority<br/>Title 22<br/>Sec. 12.9</p>   | <p>Students have the right to express themselves unless such expression materially and substantially interferes with the educational process, threatens immediate harm to the welfare of the school or community, encourages unlawful activity, or interferes with another individual's rights.</p>   |
| <p>SC 511, 1850.1<br/>Title 22<br/>Sec. 12.9</p> | <p>The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to designate and prohibit manifestations of student expression that are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others. Such expressions are those which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Libel any specific person or persons.</li> <li>2. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect or point of view.</li> <li>3. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students.</li> </ol> |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 12.2</p>                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Use indecent or obscene language, or contain material deemed harmful to students who may receive them.</li> <li>5. Incite violence; advocate use of force; or urge violation of federal, state or municipal law, school policy or regulations.</li> </ol>   |
| <p>Pol. 913</p>                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Solicit funds for non-school organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Joint Operating Committee.</li> </ol>  |

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|  | <p>The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to halt the distribution of unprotected materials.</p>   |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 12.9</p>              | <p>The Joint Operating Committee requires that students who wish to distribute materials on school property shall submit them for prior review. School officials shall not censor or restrict material that is critical of the school or its administration, and the review for unprotected expression shall be reasonable and not calculated to delay distribution.</p> |
|  | <p>Where the reviewer cannot show within two (2) school days that the material is unprotected, such material may be distributed by the student on school property.</p>   |
| <p>Pol. 219</p>                            | <p>Appeal of the reviewer's decision may be made to the Director and then to the Joint Operating Committee, in accordance with Joint Operating Committee policy and school procedures.</p>   |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 12.9</p>              | <p>The Joint Operating Committee shall require that distribution of <b>printed</b> materials takes place only at the places and during the times set forth in school rules and regulations in order that such distribution not interfere with the orderly operation of the school.</p>   |
| <p>3. Delegation of<br/>Responsibility</p> | <p>The Director or designee shall develop rules and regulations for the distribution of printed materials.</p>   |