

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE/ADVERTISEMENTS

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Any federally designated youth organization having an educational purpose and promoting patriotism and civic involvement may request to provide oral and/or written information about the organization to students on school property. The request must be made to the school principal or superintendent. When such a request is made, the organization shall be provided a day and time to provide the information to students on school property at least once during the school year. The time may be during the school day or at an event where a majority of students and their families will be present.

An expanded criminal history check must be conducted of any representative of the organization who will be providing the information to students on school property. The cost of the expanded criminal history check is the responsibility of the organization's representative. If the organization's representative has been convicted of a felony crime for which a teacher may be terminated, the representative shall not be allowed to speak to students on school property.

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.

At the same time, schools should inform and assist students to learn about programs, activities, or information that may be of help or service to them. The following general guidelines will apply:

1. Permission to post bulletins will be approved by the Superintendent or designee if they announce a program or service for youth by a nonprofit local agency.
2. The Superintendent or designee will determine which materials may be distributed to students. Military personnel will be provided with the opportunity to provide informational materials to students in the same manner as is given to postsecondary education institutions.
3. Materials soliciting money or information may not be distributed without specific Board approval. Board approval is continuing, and periodic reviews of approval will be conducted by the Board.
4. Direct sales by outside vendors to students in school are prohibited. School offices may provide lists of vendors carrying certain items relating to school requirements, or the office may carry and charge for miscellaneous items (e.g., pens, pencils, school T-shirts) or permit student organizations to vend products on a controlled basis.

5. Any organization not addressed in this policy that is not directly responsible for, or a part of, the public schools may not use the school facilities for communications and announcement purposes.

Advertising materials of commercial, political, or religious nature should not be displayed or distributed in the schools or on the school grounds. Students may not be used as agents for distributing non-school materials without the approval of the Superintendent.

This policy should not be construed as preventing a teacher from using instructional or informational materials even though the materials might include a reference to a brand, a product, or a service.

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