

**Policy Statement #1047 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding Display and Distribution of Materials**

I. Purpose

- A. To establish standards governing the approval, display, distribution, posting, and electronic sharing of informational materials on CCPS property and through CCPS communication channels.

II. Definitions

- A. Informational material – Print or electronic material intended for display distribution, posting, publication, or sharing with students, parents/guardians, or the public on CCPS property or through CCPS communication channels.
- B. Limited public forum – A forum intentionally made available by CCPS for outside entities to share approved informational materials that provide specific opportunities, programs, activities, services, or resources for CCPS students and/or their parents or guardians. CCPS may establish reasonable and consistently applied restrictions regarding eligible subject matter, classes of speakers, and the time, place, and manner of distribution, provided such restrictions are reasonable in light of the purpose of the forum and are viewpoint neutral.
- C. Outside entities – Any individual, association, for-profit or nonprofit organization; business, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity that is not part of or acting on behalf of Calvert County Public Schools
- D. CCPS communication channels – District or school websites, newsletters, email systems, electronic notification systems, social media accounts, bulletin boards, publications, and other communication platforms owned, managed, or authorized by CCPS.
- E. School property - Any Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) building and/or grounds, any CCPS leased or owned vehicles, and vehicles contracted for official school business.

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education believes that to achieve its vision and mission, policies must support learning environments which are safe, secure, and, to the greatest extent possible, free from disruption. It is also necessary that learning and administrative structures, processes, and procedures maximize the time employees devote to teaching and supporting student learning.
- B. The Board also believes that collaboration with parents and the broader community is an essential component in achieving these goals.
- C. To support these beliefs, the Board will maintain a limited public forum for the display, distribution, posting and electronic sharing of approved informational materials on CCPS

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property and through CCPS communication channels. Access to this forum is subject to reasonable and consistently applied eligibility requirements and time, place, and manner restrictions.

- D. Approved materials must include the Board of Education approved disclaimer stating: “This event, activity, program, or business is not sponsored, endorsed, or supervised by the Calvert County Board of Education or Calvert County Public Schools. Permission to post or distribute this information should not be construed as a recommendation or endorsement by the school district.”

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective October 1, 2026

Citations

State Law: §§ 8-701-705, §§ 8-714-722, and §§ 8-725-737 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 11.19.01.10

Federal Law: First Amendment of the United States Constitution

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: §8 of Article 6 of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance

Related Policies

2718 Responsible and Appropriate Use of Computer Systems and Other Electronic Communication Media

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