

Corbett School District 39

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Student Publications

District Sponsored

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the laws will be observed in regard to district sponsored student publications. In accordance with established law, the observance of these rights must be balanced against the legitimate needs of the educational process.

Some student publications, such as annual yearbooks and school newspapers, may be educational devices developed as part of the curriculum to benefit primarily those who compile, edit and publish them. Staff advisors will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications will conform to Board regulations.

Students may be required to submit publications for approval prior to distribution. When approval is required, school administrators must make available to students the standards which will be used in determining the granting or denial of permission to publish. Such guidelines will be specific and will be directed toward ascertaining which publications will cause substantial disruption of district activities or contain libelous or obscene content. Where possible, every reasonable effort will be made to obtain student concurrence with any proposed changes.

Prior restraints will contain precise criteria spelling out what is prohibited.

All Publications

A definite, brief time limit will be set within which school officials must approve or disapprove distribution. To be valid, these guidelines must prescribe a procedure for appeals from students.

It will be the responsibility of the building principals to develop reasonable and specific regulations setting forth the time, manner and place in which distribution of student publications may occur. Students who become subject to discipline for failure to comply with distribution rules will be granted procedural due process rights.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.880](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).