

Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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Student Publications and Distribution of Materials

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law will be observed regarding district-sponsored student publications. The observance of these rights must be balanced against the legitimate needs of the educational process.

Students shall bear the responsibility in the exercise of their rights of expression. They shall not display materials which are libelous, obscene, vulgar, profane or which create an immediate danger of physical disruption of the orderly operation of the school or create a clear and present danger of violation of the law or existing attendance regulations.

Any publication sponsored or in any way funded by the school shall be known as a school publication as opposed to a student publication. Even though the publication may be accomplished by student effort, the student has responsibility to the total school community.

This policy shall be applied in a manner which is nondiscriminatory and which allows the dissemination of diverse viewpoints and discussion of political and social issues. The policy shall also be applied in a manner that encourages respect for individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status or age.

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 to determine granting or denying 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.

It will be the responsibility of local school administrators to promulgate 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).