

Student Publications – Distribution of Literature

Students will have the right to distribute and possess any form of literature, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, leaflets and pamphlets. This right is, however, subject to limitation in accordance with the standards of responsible journalism and in consideration of the welfare and rights of the entire school community. The right of distribution will extend to school grounds and buildings, unless it is denied on any of the grounds set forth below.

In order to ensure that the welfare and rights of the school community are adequately protected, the following will apply in the case of any distribution of literature on, or in immediate proximity to, school grounds and buildings:

1. Any literature which a student wishes to distribute will first be submitted to the principal, or his/her designee, of his/her school.
2. The principal, or his/her designee, may deny approval to any literature, the content or distribution of which he/she reasonably determines:
 - a. Would cause a substantial disruption of or a material interference with school activities; or
 - b. Is obviously offensive to a substantial portion of the school community due to the depiction or description of sexual conduct, violence, or morbidity, or the use of language in such literature which is inappropriate for the school environment, as judged by the standards of the school community, or is otherwise detrimental to the welfare of members of that community; or
 - c. Is or tends to be injurious of the reputation of any persons and is false, misleading, or unreasonably critical; or
 - d. Would substantially interfere with the rights of other persons.

Modifications or removal of items may be appealed in writing to the superintendent. Students will be granted procedural due process rights.