

Multnomah Education Service District

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Student Publications

MESD Sponsored

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

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

Students shall be required to submit publications for approval prior to distribution. "Publications," as used in this policy and administrative regulation, include those in electronic as well as print format. When approval is required, administrators shall make available to students the standards which shall be used to determine granting or denying permission to publish. Such guidelines shall be specific and will be directed toward ascertaining which publications shall cause substantial disruption of MESD activities or contain libelous or obscene content.

Prior restraints shall contain precise criteria which spell out what is prohibited. A definite, brief time limit shall be set within which MESD officials must approve or deny distribution. To be valid, these guidelines shall prescribe a procedure for appeals from students.

All Publications

It shall be the responsibility of 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 regulations shall be granted procedural due process rights.

The superintendent and cabinet shall develop administrative regulations for implementation of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125 \(7\)](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[ORS 336.477](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 108 S.Ct. 562 (1988)

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AB - Mission, Vision, Values

IA/IAA - Instructional Goals

II/IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs

JF/JFA - Student's Rights and Responsibilities

JFC - Student Conduct