

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 will be observed regarding MESD sponsored student publications. The observance of these rights must 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 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. "Publications," as used in this policy and administrative regulation, include those in electronic as well as print format. When approval is required, 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 MESD activities or contain libelous or obscene content.

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

All Publications

It will be the responsibility of local 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 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 Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).