

Newberg School District 29J

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Student Publications

District Sponsored

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

Some student publications, such as 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 shall be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications shall conform to Board policy and administrative regulation.

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 shall be used to determine granting or denying permission to publish. Such guidelines shall be specific and shall be directed toward ascertaining which publications shall cause substantial disruption of district 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 school officials must approve or disapprove distribution. To be valid, these guidelines must prescribe a procedure for appeals from students.

All Publications

It shall be the responsibility of local school administrators to develop and circulate reasonable and specific rules 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 shall 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).