

Student Publications

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law will be observed in regard to student publications. The observance of these rights must be balanced against the duty of educating students in an orderly manner to protect the rights of all. Any publication supervised and/or sponsored in any way by the school shall be a school publication, as opposed to a student publication.

Some student publications, such as annual 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 advisers will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications will conform to Board regulations.

Students are required to submit publications for approval prior to printing and distribution. When approval is required, school administrators must make available to students the standards which will be used to determine the granting or denying of permission to publish. Such guidelines will be specific and will be directed toward ascertaining which publications will cause substantial disruption of, or material interference with, school activities or intrusions into school affairs or the lives of others.

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

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](#)

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Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).