

School Publications

The Board recognizes the value of school publications in the teaching of journalism, English, writing and other skills. The School Board is the publisher of school publications. School publications are those materials produced by students in the journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or writing classes and distributed to the student body and the community.

Student publications shall:

- (a.) Provide a forum for student expression;
- (b.) Train student staff members in the practical aspects of journalism;
- (c.) Serve communication needs primarily for students and secondarily for staff and community.

Except as otherwise stated in this policy, student editors and their staffs, under the direction of their advisor, shall determine the content of student publications in a manner consistent with the curriculum of the journalism program. Student journalists may report on and editorialize about controversial and crucial events in the school, community, nation, and the world. Building principals shall be responsible for approving the content of student publications.

Student publications are prohibited from publishing material that:

- (a.) Is libelous or obscene according to current legal standards;
- (b.) Would cause substantial disruption of normal school activities or school discipline;
- (c.) Advertises tobacco, alcohol, or any other product or service not permitted to students by law.

The Superintendent shall develop specific guidelines and rules for student publications.

The School Board recognizes the tradition of high standards established by the District's student publications. It is the intent of this policy to enhance the continuation of outstanding performance by student editors and staffs.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).