

## Student Publications

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law will be observed regarding student publications, whether school-sponsored or nonschool-sponsored. The observance of these rights must be balanced against the duty of educating students in an orderly manner to protect the rights of all.

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. Faculty advisors will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities.

Students may be required to submit publications for approval prior to distribution. When approval is required, the Director will 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, or materials interference with, school activities or intrusion into school affairs or the lives of others. All criteria will be spelled out, so that what is forbidden is understood by students. 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.

**END OF POLICY**

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 338.115](#)