

**Winston-Dillard
School District 116**

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Student Publications

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law shall be observed in regard to student publications, whether school-sponsored or non-school-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 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. Such publications include those in print or electronic form. Staff advisors shall be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications shall conform to any guidelines developed by the board or administration.

Students may be required to submit content for approval prior to publication. When approval is required, the administrator must make available to students the standards which shall be used in determining the grant or denial of permission. Such guidelines shall be specific and shall 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 shall contain precise criteria spelling out what is forbidden so that a student will understand. A specific and brief time limit shall be set within which school officials must approve or disapprove publication. Such guidelines must provide a procedure for appeals from students.

It is the responsibility of the administration to develop 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 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).