

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The board of education encourages - - both as a classroom - - related learning process in such courses as English, journalism, etc., and as an extracurricular activity through school-student sponsored publications. These allow for coverage of student activities and the writing and printing of original literary and artistic productions. However, certain necessary guidelines will be established to regulate the publication and dissemination of student publications.

School-Sponsored Publications

In a school community, students involved in student publications will convey information with accuracy, insight, and truthfulness. Such publications will operate under the concept of the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of the press. In order to achieve the full learning experience, only materials alleged to contain the following should be withheld from the press:

1. Libelous materials
2. Obscenity
3. Materials that incite others to damage property, physically harm others, or seriously disrupt school activities or the educational process.

The responsibility and authority for decision based on the standards mentioned above are vested in the principal or his/her designee.

Nonschool-Sponsored publications

Students who edit, publish, and/or wish to distribute nonschool-sponsored handwritten, printed, or duplicated matter among their fellow students within the schools must assume responsibility for the content of the publication. Students may be restricted as to the time and place of distribution, or may be prohibited from distribution in accordance with administrative regulations approved by the board.