

*Policy*

**PUBLICATIONS**

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The Board sanctions student publications as long as students are willing to accept the responsibilities of the freedoms of speech and of the press.

The Board, or its designee, will make rules as to time and place for distribution of student publications and any other regulations necessary to assure that student publications do not infringe on the rights of others.

The designated sponsor(s) of any officially recognized school-sanctioned and school-financed publication such as a newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine will assume the initial responsibility of screening and editing all materials earmarked for publication.

Although journalism students should be given meaningful editorial latitude, the sponsor(s) retains the inherent obligation to delete any article or comment likely to create substantial disruption of or significant interference with school activities.

Any student objecting to a sponsor's exercise of discretion in this regard should bring the objection to the attention of the sponsor in writing. The school principal or his/her designee will hold a conference to discuss the complaints with the complainant(s), and with the sponsor. It is the principal's responsibility to decide the matter in consultation with the district superintendent or his/her designee.

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Legal References:

A. Federal Cases:

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