

## School-Related Student Publications

The right of the student to individual freedom of expression shall not be restricted unless its exercise interferes with the orderly conduct of classes and the overall school program. Within that limitation, students may freely express their points of view provided they do not attempt to coerce others to join their mode of expression and provided also that they do not otherwise intrude upon the rights of others.

On the other hand, school officials have the duty to provide for an ordered educational program free from turmoil and distraction. Opportunity for individuals to express their views shall be provided through official student publications.

All publications shall reflect and be guided by accepted journalistic standards. Responsibility for the content of a publication shall rest with the individuals responsible for the publication. No school-related publication shall be published or distributed which would endanger the health or safety of the students, imminently threaten to disrupt the educational process or contain slanderous or libelous statements.

A publication shall be considered unacceptable when it contains:

1. Attacks on ethnic, religious or racial groups;
2. Statements which tend to create hostility or are conducive to violence;
3. Profane, obscene, libelous or slanderous material as interpreted in relation to the school setting rather than as may be circulated to the public at large;
4. Commercial advertisements or solicitations for funds except when such material receives prior approval from the principal and is related to school activities.

Copies of this policy shall be distributed to all high school students and made available to other students and parents/guardians upon request.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-1-120 rights of free expression for public school students  
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(r) power to exclude materials that are immoral or pernicious

CROSS REFS.: JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities  
JICEA, Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials

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