

## Section 1000: Community/Educational Agency Relations

### Public Participation in the School District

#### Distribution or Posting of Materials

File: 1005.10

The board recognizes that students, employees, parents or citizens may want to distribute materials within the school district that are noncurricular. Noncurricular materials to be distributed must be approved by the building principal and meet certain standards prior to their distribution.

Bulletin boards. School authorities may restrict the use of bulletin boards to school announcements. Ample bulletin board space may be provided for the use of students and student organizations, including a reasonable area for notices relating to out-of-school activities or matters of general interest to students. The following general limitations on posting shall be applied:

- A. School authorities shall prohibit material which may be obscene, which may be libelous, or which may inflame or incite students, other individuals, or organizations, or which may create a clear and present danger toward the commission of unlawful acts, or which may cause physical disruption to the orderly operation of the school.

Students shall not post material without first discussing the contents of the material to be posted with their organization sponsor, with a teacher, or with the building principal.

- B. Identification shall be required on any posted notice of the student or group posting the material.
- C. The school shall require that notices or other communications be officially dated before posting and that such material be removed after a prescribed reasonable time to assure full access to the bulletin boards.

Distribution of printed material and circulation of petitions. Students may distribute handbills, leaflets, and other printed material and collect signatures on petitions concerning either school or out-of-school issues whether such materials are produced within or outside of the school. The following are general limitations:

- A. The time of such activity shall be limited to periods before and after school. Individuals or organizations shall get the approval of the organization's sponsor, of a teacher or of the building principal prior to distribution of any material or prior to collecting petition signatures.
- B. The place of such activity shall be reasonably restricted to permit the normal flow of traffic within the school and at exterior doors.
- C. The manner of conducting such activity shall be restricted to prevent undue levels of noise, or to prevent the use of coercion in obtaining signatures on petitions. The danger of littering is not a sufficient ground for limiting the right of students to

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distribute printed material; however, students distributing material shall be responsible for litter which may result from their activities.

- D. The school shall require that all printed matter and petitions distributed or circulated on school property bear the name of the sponsoring organization or individual.
  
- E. The school shall prohibit the distribution of material within the restricted categories of Paragraph 1(A) above.

Cross References:	504.03	Student Conduct
	504.08	Freedom of Expression
	506	Student Activities
	604.10	Academic Freedom