

PUBLICATIONS

No school-sponsored publication and pupil prepared publication that is distributed or posed on school premises may contain material that:

1. Are grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, national, gender identity, religious, or racial group or to either gender;
2. Libel any person or persons;
3. Infringe rights of privacy protected by law or regulation;
4. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view over any other;
5. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that constitutes a direct and substantial danger to the health of pupils;
6. Contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable pupils;
7. Incite violence, advocate the use of force, or urge the violation of law or school violation;
8. Advertise goods or services for the benefit of profit-making organizations;
9. Solicit funds for non-school organizations when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board;
10. Promote, favor or oppose any candidate for election to the Board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any school election; or
11. Except as may be required for literary purposes, do not conform to acceptable standards of grammar, clear expression, and responsible research.

Issues on which opposing points of view have been responsibly promoted may be introduced in a pupil or school-sponsored publications provided that all proponents are given an equal opportunity to present their views.

In order to ascertain that certain pupil prepared or school-sponsored publications do not violate Board standards, the Board requires that each publication be submitted to the Building Principal or his/her designee for review in advance of its distribution. A publication that contains material in violation of this Regulation and Board Policy 6145.3 may not be distributed.

The Building Principal's determination, if any, that the publication violates this Regulation and Board Policy 6145.3 must be supported by references to specific material in the publication. Material cannot be censored merely because it is personally offensive to the reviewer or may tend to embarrass the Board. Pupils must be offered the opportunity to modify or delete any material that violates this policy.

The Building Principal's determination may be appealed to the Superintendent or his/her designee, as well as the Board.

The Board requires that the distribution of pupil or school publications take place only at the places and during the times established the Administration in order that the instructional program is not disrupted.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-35	School Internet web sites; disclosure of certain student information prohibited
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of boards (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-3.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

Desilets v. Clearview Regional Board of Education, 137 N.J. 585 (1994)

Possible Cross References:

1111	District publications
5145	Rights
5145.2	Freedom of speech/expression
5145.5	Photographs of pupils
6142.10	Technology
6145.3	Publications