

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Definition of Official School Publications

Official school publications such as newspapers, yearbooks, and literary magazines may be prepared in regularly scheduled classes and are components of the curriculum approved by the Regional School Board. These publications are not intended to provide a public forum for students or the general public. In all instances related to these publications, the Regional School Board will be the publisher, the director will serve as supervisor, a faculty member designated by the director will function as advisor, and students will serve as editors and journalists.

Responsibilities of Student Editors and Journalists

Student editors and journalists shall be responsible for preparing material that is not obscene, defamatory, or an invasion of privacy or that

- is reasonably foreseeable to lead to the disruption of school activities or to endanger the health or safety of students or staff;
- advocates the commission of an unlawful act or the violation of a lawful school policy or regulation;
- advertises or advocates illegal products or services; or
- that advocates prejudice, hatred, violence, or harassment.

Responsibilities of Student Publications Faculty Advisor

School publications faculty advisors shall instruct students in the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and help students to understand and follow it. Faculty members shall instruct students in correct and appropriate journalistic techniques and consult with the director on material that may violate the law or the journalism Code of Ethics. Material that may be considered controversial by some members of the school community should be carefully considered by students and the faculty advisor, and brought to the attention of the director.

Responsibilities of the School Director

The school director is responsible for supervising and approving all official publications, including publications created by students in accordance with Regional School Board policy and his/her judgment and discretion.

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Legal Refs Hazelwood School Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 261, 108 S. Ct. 562, 98 L.Ed.2d 592 (1988).

Cross Refs: Pol 0011 Nondiscrimination
 Pol 5012 Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination
 Pol 8001 Equal Educational Opportunities/Nondiscrimination
 Pol 5011/8000 Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation

Pol 4078/5092 Electronic Cigarettes

Pol 2025 Use of Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes on School Premises