

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board seeks to minimize intrusions on the time of students and employees by communications from sources other than the school. Approval must be obtained from the director, or director's designee, before any materials may be distributed or made available at the request of non-school organizations. Approval will be granted only for materials from governmental organizations regarding activities related to the educational mission of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.

Approval will not be given for materials which

- are likely to cause substantial disruption of, or material interference with, school activities;
- endorse or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, or any illegal substance or action;
- endorse or encourage any violation of the Standards of Student Conduct; Policy 8002-Student Conduct); or
- are obscene, pornographic, or defamatory.

The director will establish the time, place, and manner of distribution of approved materials. No distribution will be permitted during class time.

Political Communications

Students are not required to convey or deliver any material that advocates (1) the election or defeat of any candidate; (2) the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or (3) the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly or Congress.

This Policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussions or projects.

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Legal Refs.: U. S. Constitution amend. I.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc. v. Montgomery County Public Schools, 457 F.3d 376 (4th Cir. 2006)

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.3, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-131, 22-1.279.6 and 22.1-293.

Acts 2016, c. 647.

Cross Refs.:

Pol 6010 Community Use of School Facilities
Pol 3007 Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
Pol 7013 Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships