

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. With regard to these publications, the Regional School Board is the publisher, the executive director will serve as supervisor, a faculty sponsor is the co-editor and will function as advisor, and students will serve as editors and journalists.

Responsibilities of Student Editors and Journalists

Student assistant editors and journalists are responsible for preparing and writing factual 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
- advocates prejudice, hatred, violence, or harassment.

Responsibilities of Student Publications Faculty Co-Editor

School publications faculty co-editors instruct students in the recognized practices and ethical considerations of journalism. Faculty members instruct students in appropriate journalistic techniques and consult with the executive director on material that may violate the law or recognized principles of journalism. 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 executive director.

Responsibilities of the Executive director

The executive director is responsible for approving all publications, in accordance with Regional School Board policy and the executive director's 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 0011	Nondiscrimination
	Pol 4077/5091/6009.1	Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products
	Pol 8002	Student Conduct
	Pol 7010	Advertising in the Schools