

STUDENTS

Publications by Pupils

Pupils shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press, including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, the wearing of buttons, badges and other insignia, and the right of expression in official publications, whether or not such publications or other means of expression are supported financially by the school or by the use of school facilities.

Expression shall be prohibited which is obscene, libelous or slanderous, or which so incites pupils as to create a clear and present danger or the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

The principal or a certificated designee shall be the advisor of pupil publications. The school's procedures regarding the time, place and manner of implementing school-approved verbal and written expressions shall be published and communicated to pupils, parents, and school staff. Advisory responsibilities shall include instructing and supervising pupil editors/writers and maintaining professional standards of English and journalism.

The advisor shall review all publications by pupils within five school days after submission by a pupil and shall recommend to the principal approval, disapproval, or revision of such publications. Any changes needed in a publication or disagreements regarding the policy shall be reviewed with the pupil writer(s) or editor(s) and parents within three school days after review by the principal. The review shall include the reason for deletion or change in the written material and assistance for the writer(s) in making such changes, and may be referred to the Superintendent or designee for further consideration.

"Official school publications" refers to material produced by pupils in journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or writing classes and distributed to the student body either free or for a fee.

There shall be no prior restraint of material prepared for official school publications except insofar as it violates this section. School officials shall have the burden of showing justification without undue delay prior to any limitation of student expression under this section.

Regulations relating to oral communication by pupils shall be adhered to as prescribed by District policies and school procedures.

Legal Reference: California Education Code
Section 48907

Policy
Adopted: March 14, 1985