

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Advertising and Promotion

Distribution of Noncommercial Materials

The Board of Trustees desires to promote positive relationships between the schools and community organizations. Just as community organizations can build support for the schools, schools can cooperate with these groups under certain circumstances by publicizing services, special events and public meetings of interest to students and parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee may approve the distribution of materials to students of materials prepared by organizations which are school sponsored or school related. Materials approved for distribution shall further the district's intended purpose, directly benefit the students, support the basic educational mission of the district, or be of intrinsic value to the students. Materials will not promote any particular religious or political interest except as designated below.

Distribution of Political Materials

The schools shall not distribute campaign materials pertaining to a candidate, party, or ballot measure. Campaign materials shall not be distributed on district property at any time other than at a forum in which candidates or advocates from all sides are presenting their views during school hours, or during events scheduled pursuant to the Civic Center Act.

Distribution of Commercial Materials/Advertising

School sponsored publications, announcements and other school communications may accept paid advertising except for that prohibited by law and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee may prohibit advertisements which are inconsistent with school objectives and/or do not reasonably relate to the educational purpose of school sponsored publications. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may allow the distribution of promotional material of a commercial nature within parameters of law and administrative regulations but also may prohibit the distribution of materials which lack educational value or are not related directly to the school program.

Advertising copy may be solicited and prepared only to the extent that this process furthers the educational well-being of the students involved. Excessive solicitation of the same sources shall be avoided. Students shall not be exploited to raise money, and time spent securing ads shall not infringe upon the school program.

Products and materials donated by commercial enterprises may be used in the classroom as long as they serve an educational purpose and do not unduly promote any commercial activity or products. Such materials may bear the name or logo of the donor. The use of such materials does not imply district endorsement of any identified commercial products or services.

Legal Reference:

California Education Code

7050-7058 Political Activities of School Officers & Employees

35160 Authority of Governing Boards
35160.1 Broad Authority of School Districts
35172 Promotional Activities
38130-38138 Civic Center Act
48907 Student Exercise of Free Expression

Business and Professions Code

25664 Advertisements Encouraging Minors to Drink

Court Cases

DiLoreto v. Downey Unified School District (1999) 196 F.3d 958
Yeo v. Town of Lexington, (1997) U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals
Bright v. Los Angeles Unified School District (1976) 134 Cal.
Lehman v. Shaker Heights (1974) 418 U.S. 298

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