

# REGULATION

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## R 2432 SCHOOL SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

### A. Objectives

The program of school sponsored publications is intended to:

1. Disseminate news to those who are actively interested in the school -- students, teachers, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), administrators, alumni/ae, and other members of the school community;
2. Provide a means for the expression of thought;
3. Foster a wholesome school spirit and support the best traditions of the school;
4. Promote and encourage other school sponsored activities;
5. Provide training and experience in journalism, graphics, photography, and creative writing;
6. Create an appreciation for the best forms of journalism both in and out of school;
7. Record the history of the school;
8. Assist the district's public information program; and
9. Teach students the rights and responsibilities of the press in a free society.

### B. Guidelines

1. Excellence in writing will be sought, and the ethics of responsible journalism will determine what will be printed. All facts printed will be based on careful research.
2. Students will have a right to their views and attitudes on all issues with the proviso that the tenor of articles and stories submitted will not violate the prohibitions of paragraph C.



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3. Constructive criticism is encouraged.
4. A by-line will accompany every printed article or story.

**C. Prohibited Material**

No school sponsored publication may contain materials that:

1. Are grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, national, religious, or racial group or to either gender;
2. Libel any person or persons;
3. Infringe rights of privacy protected by law or regulation;
4. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view over any other;
5. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that constitutes a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;
6. Contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable students;
7. Incite violence, advocate the use of force, or urge the violation of law or school regulations;
8. Solicit funds for nonschool organizations when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board;
9. Promote, favor, or oppose any candidate for election to the Board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any school election; or
10. Except as may be required for literary purposes, do not conform to acceptable standards of grammar, clear expression, and responsible research.



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**E. Faculty Duties**

Faculty advisors to school sponsored publications shall:

1. Serve in a liaison capacity between the staff of the publication and the faculty and administration;
2. Instruct members of the publication staff in proper journalistic techniques and standards;
3. Offer editorial advice and suggestion when necessary;
4. Interpret the publication guidelines set forth in paragraph C;
5. Review material intended for publication; and
6. Proofread each publication before it is printed and distributed.

**F. Distribution**

1. Distribution of school publications will be limited to those times and places that best serve the purpose of reaching the designated audience without disturbing normal school building activities.

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