

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of access to information in a free society and believes that exposure to a broad spectrum of opinion on issues is essential to the educative process in a democracy. Therefore, printed, written, audiovisual and electronic materials including books, magazines, newspapers, newsletters and all other printed and written material shall be available on school premises as freely as is consistent with the responsibility of the Board of Education for the use and condition of school property and for transactions conducted upon said property, both during and after school hours.

The Board of Education hereby directs and empowers the District Administrator and their designees, to prepare and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate this policy and based upon the following guidelines:

1. The Board of Education specifically bans from Board of Education owned property any materials, visual, audiovisual or electronic, which are considered by the District Administrator or their designees as likely to be obscene or defamatory or designed to incite or provoke disorder or disregard of the law or school regulations, and which would create a clear and present danger to the persons and property under the jurisdiction of this school District.
2. The approval to distribute such materials, referred to above, although once given in accord with the administrative rules and regulations, may be revoked by the same authorities should such material, subsequently submitted for approval or subsequently distributed, violate the guidelines here set forth or the established rules and regulations.
3. Appeals may be made to the Board of Education regarding decisions made in accord with this policy or with the administrative rules and regulations referred to above.

This policy shall not prohibit dissemination of authorized promotional literature.

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