

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS/ SOCIAL MEDIA

The Board of Education encourages student publications not only because they offer an educational activity through which students gain experience in reporting, writing, editing, and understanding responsible journalism, but also because they provide an opportunity for students to express their views and a means of communicating both within and beyond the school community.

All student publications/social media will comply with the rules for responsible journalism. Libelous statements, unfounded charges and accusations, obscenity, false statements, materials advocating racial or religious prejudice, hatred, violence, the breaking of laws and school policies and/or regulations, or materials designed to disrupt the educational process will not be permitted. Expressions of personal opinion must be clearly identified as such, and bear the name of the author. Opportunity for *the* expression of opinions differing from those of the student publishers must be provided.

In addition, student newspapers and/or publications which are paid for by the school district and/or produced under the direction of a teacher as part of the school curriculum are not considered a public forum. In such cases, the Board reserves the right to edit or delete such student speech which it feels is inconsistent with the district's basic educational mission.

Distribution of Literature

Students have a right to distribute literature on school grounds and in school buildings, except that the principal may prohibit the distribution in school buildings of a specific issue or publication if it does not comply with rules for responsible journalism.

The distribution of student publications in the schools, whether or not they are sponsored by the school, shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

The time and place of distribution of student publications shall be determined by the Superintendent.

Ref: *Bd. OJ Educ. of Monticello CSD v. Commissioner of Ed.*, 91 N.Y.2d 133 (1997).

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 US 260, 108 S Ct 562 (1988)

Bethel School District v. Fraser, 478 US 675 (1986)

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School Dist., 393 US 503, (1969)

Thomas v. Board of Education, Granville Central School Dist., 607 F 2d 1043 (1979)

Trachtman v. Anker, et al., 563 F 2d 512 (1977)

Eisner v. Stamford Board of Education, 314 F Supp 832, modfd. 440 F2d 803 (1971)

Frasca v. Andrew et al., 463 F Supp 1043 (1979)

Matier of Beil and Scariati, 26 EDR 109(1986)