

### STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student publications are important elements of the instructional program and contribute directly to the accomplishment of the school's goals. The Board of Education encourages the development of school student publications such as newspapers, annuals, and magazines because they offer an educational activity through which students gain experience in reporting, writing, editing, and understanding responsible journalism. Such publications also provide an opportunity for students to express their views and a means of communicating both within and beyond the school community.

All student publications will comply with the rules of 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 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 is determined to be inconsistent with the District's basic educational mission.

#### **Determining Appropriateness**

The publication adviser shall have the primary responsibility of reviewing each article prior to its publication to determine if it satisfies all the conditions of these guidelines. The school Principal or his/her designated representative other than the newspaper adviser may also review copy prior to its publication.

Legal Reference:     *Eiser v. Stamford Board of Education*, 440 F.2d 803 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir 1971)  
                          *Trachtman v. Anker*, 563 F.2d 518 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir 1977), cert. denied, 354 U.S. 925 (1978)  
                          *Hazelwood School District v. Ruhlmeir*, 484 U.S. 260, 108 S Ct 562 (1988)  
                          *Bethel School District v. Fraser*, 478 US 675 (1986)  
                          *Tinker v. DesMoines Independent Community Dist.*, 393 US 503, (1969)