FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

The free expression of student opinion is an important part of education in a democratic society. <u>The</u> <u>district encourages students' Students'</u> verbal and written expression of opinion on school premises is to be <u>encouraged</u> so long as it does not substantially disrupt the operation of the school<u>or otherwise violate this</u> <u>policy</u>. Students are expressly prohibited from the use of vulgar and/or offensive terms in classroom or assembly settings.

The superintendent will develop guidelines assuring that students are able to enjoy free expression of opinion while maintaining orderly conduct of the school.

Student Publications

Student publications produced as part of the school's curriculum or with the support of the associated student body fund are intended to serve both as vehicles for instruction and student communication. <u>Although They are operated and substantively financed and operated by the district, student editors of school-sponsored media are responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of the media, consistent with chapter 28A.600 RCW.- Material appearing in such publications <u>mayshould</u> reflect variousall areas of student interest, including topics about which there may be controversy and dissent. When engaging with a controversial issue, student publications should strive to provide Controversial issues may be presented provided that they are treated in_-depth treatment and represent a variety of viewpoints. Such materials may not: <u>be libelous</u>, obscene or profane; cause a substantial disruption of the school; invade the privacy of others; demean any race, religion, sex, or ethnic group; advocate the violation of the law; or advertise tobacco products, liquor, illicit drugs, or drug paraphernalia.</u>

- Be libelous or slanderous;
- Be an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- Be obscene or profane, such that it would violate federal or state laws, rules or regulations or incites
 others to violate federal or state laws, rules or regulations, including the standards established by
 the federal communications act or applicable federal communication commission rules or
 regulations;
- Cause a substantial disruption of the school;
- Violate district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or related to the prohibition on discrimination pursuant to RCW 28A.642.010.
- Violate federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or advocate the violation of such laws; or
- Advertise tobacco products, liquor, illicit drugs, or drug paraphernalia.

The superintendent will develop guidelines, assuring that students are able to exercise freedom of expression so long as it does not present a material to implement these standards and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school, implementing the standards above, and establishing will establish procedures for the prompt review of any materials that which appear not to comply with the standards.

Distribution of Materials

Students and district staff may distribute student publications

Publications or other materials may be distributed on school premises in accordance with procedures developed by the superintendent. Such procedures may impose limits on the time, place, and manner of distribution including prior authorization for the posting of such material on school property.

Students responsible for the distribution of material <u>thatwhich</u> leads to a substantial disruption of school activity or otherwise interferes with school operations will be subject to corrective action, including suspension or expulsion, consistent with student discipline policies.

<u>A person who is neither a student nor a district employee</u><u>Materials</u> will <u>distribute materials</u>not be <u>distributed</u> on school grounds by non-students and non-employees of the district</u>.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3241 Board Policy 2340	Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action Religious-Related Activities and Practices
Legal References:	WAC 392-400-215 Student rights	
Management Resources: Management Resources:	<u>2018 - May Issue</u> 2015 - July Policy Alert Policy News, August 2001 A Reminders	A Few Civil Liberty

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