

District Policy & Regulations

BOARD OF EDUCATION COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS
5722/PAGE 1 OF 1

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTIONS

The Board of Education may sponsor student publications and productions.

For purposes of this policy, "publications" shall include any audio, visual, or written materials such as tapes, banners, films, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, books, or other like materials. "Productions" shall include theatrical performances as well as impromptu dramatic presentations.

The purpose of such publications and productions shall be for developing skills in communicating via the mass media.

When permitted by the principal, advertising may be permitted in school newspapers, yearbooks, programs, etc. which are published by student organizations.

The Board reserves the right to designate and prohibit the distribution of publications and productions which are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others. Such unprotected materials include but are not limited to:

- A. those that are grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, religious, racial, or other delineated group;
- B. libel any specific person or persons;
- C. seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view over any other religious denomination, sect, or point of view;
- D. advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material which may reasonably be believed to:
 1. constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;
 2. contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable students who may receive them;
 3. incite violence, advocate the use of force, or urge the violation of law or school regulations.

The Board also prohibits publications and productions which:

- A. fail to identify the student or organization responsible for distribution;
- B. solicit funds for non-school organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board;
- C. promote, favor, or oppose any candidate for election to the Board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any election.

The decision to publish or produce something shall be made by the advisor with appeal to the principal and Superintendent.

Approved: 08/27/1998
Revised: 01/29/2009