

Sec. 1. SCHOOL-SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

All publications edited, printed, or distributed in the name of or within the IDEA Public Schools system shall be under the control of the school administration and the Board.

All school-sponsored publications approved by IDEA Public Schools that contain student work and/or are published by students at an individual campus shall be part of the instructional program, under the supervision of a faculty sponsor, and shall be carefully edited to reflect the ideals and expectations of the citizens of the school's geographical area for their schools. The Principal shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the organization, issuance, and sale of such publications and any other publication procedure, subject to the Superintendent's approval.

Expression in a school-sponsored publication is prohibited when the material:

1. Advertises or promotes any product or service not permitted for minors by law;
2. Associates IDEA Public Schools with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy;
3. Does not meet the standards of the educators who supervise the production of the publication;
4. Encourages students to commit illegal acts;
5. Encourages students to violate the IDEA Public Schools Student Code of Conduct;
6. Expresses or advocates sexual, racial, or religious harassment or violence or prejudice;
7. Impinges on the rights of other students;
8. Invades the privacy of others;
9. Is distributed or displayed in violation of time, place, and manner regulations;
10. Is inappropriate for the level of maturity of the readers;
11. Is libelous or slanderous;
12. Is obscene to minors;
13. Is vulgar or profane;
14. Might reasonably be perceived to advocate drug or alcohol use, irresponsible sex, or conduct otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order;
15. Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school or school activities; or
16. Would substantially interfere with the work of IDEA Public Schools.

Expression in official school publications is subject to editorial control by IDEA Public Schools over style and content so long as IDEA Public Schools's actions are reasonably related to legitimate educational/pedagogical concerns. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. Assuring that participants learn whatever lessons the activity is designed to teach;
2. Assuring that readers or listeners are not exposed to material that may be inappropriate for their level of maturity;
3. Assuring that the views of the individual speaker are not erroneously attributed to IDEA Public Schools;

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4. Assuring that IDEA Public Schools is not associated with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy;
5. Assuring that student speech cannot reasonably be perceived to advocate conduct otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order; and
6. Assuring that IDEA Public Schools is not associated with expression that is, for example, ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.

Sec. 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising in individual school publications may be accepted from bona fide business firms, subject to the approval of professional employees exercising editorial supervision over the publications. Advertising deemed inappropriate for student readers or that advertises products presenting a health hazard, such as alcohol or tobacco products, shall not be accepted.

Sec. 3. COMPLAINTS

Students who have a complaint regarding the procedures or a professional decision affecting the content or style of a school-sponsored publication shall present that complaint in accordance with Board Policy PG-3.30(Parent and Student Complaints and Grievances).

DATE ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE


As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board adopted this policy on May 17, 2023, and it became effective on May 17, 2023.

RETENTION

This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to School Sponsored Publications, as originally adopted by the Board on May 17, 2023, which Policy is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

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 Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Board Secretary

8/23/2023

Date Certified