

**IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD POLICY MANUAL**  
**POLICY GROUP 3 – STUDENTS**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF NON-SCHOOL LITERATURE**

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**Sec. 1. DISTRIBUTION OF NON-SCHOOL LITERATURE**

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by IDEA Public Schools or by a IDEA Public Schools -affiliated school-support organization shall not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any IDEA Public Schools premises by any IDEA Public Schools student, except in accordance with this policy.

IDEA Public Schools does not endorse, and shall not be responsible for, the contents of any non-school literature distributed by students.

For purposes of this policy, “distribution” means the circulation of more than ten printed copies of material from a source other than IDEA Public Schools.

Each school campus shall designate an area where materials that have been approved for distribution by students in accordance with this policy may be made available or distributed. The Superintendent may develop reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions regarding the distribution of materials at designated areas.

**Sec. 2. PRIOR REVIEW**

All non-school literature intended for distribution by students under this policy shall be submitted to the Principal or designee for prior review according to the following procedures:

1. Materials shall include the name of the person or organization sponsoring the distribution.
2. Using the standards below at “Limitations on Content,” the Principal or designee shall approve or reject submitted materials within three school days from the time the materials were received.

Each Principal shall designate times, locations, and means by which non-school literature that is appropriate for distribution may be made available or distributed by students at the campus.

**Sec. 3. POLICY VIOLATIONS**

Failure to comply with this policy shall result in appropriate administrative action, including but not limited to confiscation of non-approved materials, suspension of a student group’s use of IDEA Public Schools facilities, and/or other disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**Sec. 4. LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT**

Non-school literature shall not be distributed by students on IDEA Public Schools property if:

1. The distribution of such materials would violate the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or other rights of another person.

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2. The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action.
3. The materials are hate literature or similar publications that scurrilously attack ethnic, religious, or racial groups or contain content aimed at creating hostility and violence; and the materials would materially and substantially interfere with school activities or the rights of others.
4. The materials are obscene, vulgar, or otherwise inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience.
5. The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others.
6. The materials endorse actions endangering the health or safety of students.
7. The materials promote illegal use of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances.
8. There is reasonable cause to believe that distribution of the non-school literature would result in material and substantial interference with school activities or the rights of others. IDEA Public Schools may not demonstrate reasonable cause to believe that the expression would engender material and substantial interferences solely because other students, teachers, administrators, or parents may disagree with its content.

**Sec. 5. APPEALS**

Administrative decisions regarding this policy may be appealed 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 Distribution of Non-School Literature, 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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*A. Ryan Vaughan*

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Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Board Secretary

8/23/2023

Date Certified