

### **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND EXPRESSION**

School-sponsored publications are non-public forums that are reasonably perceived by readers as bearing the imprimatur of the District; accordingly, the style and content of such publications may be regulated by school authorities insofar as such regulation relates to legitimate pedagogical concerns. As a general matter, the Board believes a school newspaper functions best when it provides an opportunity for students to inquire, question, and exchange ideas on topics of student interest, including topics that may be controversial. Controversial subjects should be presented in depth with balanced treatment of various viewpoints. The Board recognizes that freedom of expression goes hand-in-hand with responsibility for such expression.

With respect to both school-sponsored and non-school sponsored speech and publications, defamatory, lewd, vulgar, obscene, and patently offensive student expressions are inconsistent with the educational mission of the District and are prohibited.

The distribution on school premises by students of written materials that are consistent with the terms of this Policy is permitted, subject to reasonable regulation by the Superintendent or building-level administrators as to time, place, and manner.

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