

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY PUPILS AND STAFF

Material being sent home with pupils should relate to school matters or pupil-related community activities. Except when it pertains to the individual pupil, all such material must be approved in advance by the Executive Director/designee.

There is no school obligation to distribute or post any community group materials. But if a forum is opened up to any category of group (i.e., non-profit, non-partisan, community groups), the Executive Director will not discriminate against speech or materials on the basis of its viewpoint or religious content.

The determination of the Executive Director will be viewpoint-neutral in order to provide equal access to "limited public forums" including bulletin boards for notices, tables at back-to-school nights, or hand-outs to students.

Pupils shall not be used to distribute partisan materials or partisan information pertaining to a school or general election, budget or bond issue, or negotiations. Pupils shall not be exploited for the benefit of any individual, group, or profit-making organization.

No staff member may distribute any materials on school property without prior approval of the Executive Director. Materials will clearly indicate their source. Non-school-related materials will be plainly labeled, including an express disclaimer that the activity is "not a school-sponsored activity." Flyers and parental permission slips will be subject to the same review and standards.

All surveys, questionnaires or other similar items requiring pupil or parent/guardian response shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director prior to distribution. The Executive Director shall solicit written permission from parents/guardians before students participate in surveys or research that requests personal information as set out in federal law.

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