

Student Publications

Students' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and equal protection of the law will be observed in regard to student publications, whether school sponsored or non-school sponsored. The observance of these rights must be balanced against the duty of educating students in an orderly manner to protect the rights of all.

Some student publications, such as yearbooks and school newspapers, may be educational devices developed as part of the curriculum to benefit primarily those who compile, edit, and publish them. Faculty advisors will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Any commercial advertisements in such publications will conform to Board directives.

Students may be required to submit publications for approval prior to distribution. When approval is required, the administration must make available to students the standards which will be used in determining the grant or denial of permission. Such guidelines will be specific and will be directed to determining whether publications will cause substantial disruption of, or material interference with, school activities or intrusions into school affairs or the lives of others.

Prior restraints will contain precise criteria spelling out what is forbidden so that a student will understand. A definite and brief time limit will be set within which distribution must be approved or disapproved. To be valid these guidelines must prescribe a procedure for appeals from students.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 332.072

ORS 332.107

ORS 336.620