



JICEC - STUDENT DISTRIBUTION OF NON-SCHOOL MATERIALS

Students shall have the right to distribute non-school materials on school property, or at school-sponsored activities or events, in accordance with governing law and subject to the terms of this policy. As used in this policy, “non-school materials” are defined as documents and other items (regardless of whether such items include written, pictorial, audio, digital or other communicative content) that are not owned by the District, are not used in connection with a District curricular or extracurricular program, and are not otherwise sanctioned by the District or one of its schools. Violations of this policy shall be grounds for student discipline and/or denial of future requests to distribute non-school materials on school property or at school-sponsored activities or events.

Student distribution/posting of non-District communications that is not covered by this policy but involves the use of District property and/or resources shall be governed by District Policy KHC.

PROHIBITED DISTRIBUTION

Students are prohibited from distributing non-school materials on school property or at school-sponsored activities or events that in themselves or in the manner they are distributed:

- create or threaten to create substantial disruption of District or school operations, or of any District or school class, program, activity or event;
- create or threaten to create substantial disruption of the learning environment of any District or school class, program, activity or event;
- cause or threaten to cause injury to persons or property;
- are obscene, defamatory or violate any person’s privacy rights; or
- advocate or encourage the violation of any federal, state or local law, or the violation of any District policy or regulation.

DISTRIBUTION APPROVAL PROCESS

Students who wish to distribute more than 10 items or copies of non-school materials on school property must notify the school principal or principal’s designee of their request at least three school days in advance of the planned distribution date and provide an example or copy of the materials they wish to distribute. The principal or principal’s designee shall respond in writing to such requests within three school days.

In each case where non-school materials are not approved for distribution on school property, the principal or principal's designee shall provide a written explanation of why the materials are not approved under the terms of this policy.

In each case where non-school materials are approved for distribution on school property, the principal or principal's designee shall provide written direction governing the time, place and manner of the distribution in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

TIME

Distribution of non-school materials may occur for 30 minutes before school, and/or during regularly scheduled lunch periods, and/or for 15 minutes after school. Distribution of non-school materials at other times during the school day is considered to be substantially disruptive of school operations.

PLACE

Distribution of non-school materials shall occur at locations on school property designated by the principal or principal's designee, except that in no event may any such distribution occur in a classroom or other location where District curricular or extracurricular activities are taking place.

MANNER

No student shall be in any way coerced or otherwise compelled to accept any non-school materials being distributed.

All leftover non-school materials that are not distributed and all distributed non-school materials that have been discarded on or near school property shall be promptly placed in a recycling bin or trash receptacle, or removed from the school and its environs.

No District employee or student shall interfere with the distribution of non-school materials that is being conducted in accordance with the terms of this policy.

APPEALS

Decisions of the school principal or principal's designee under this policy may be appealed in writing to the appropriate assistant superintendent of school services within 10 days after the decision is made. The decision of the assistant superintendent shall be final.

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JK, Student Discipline
KHC, Distribution/Posting of Non-District Communications