

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CODE

- A. Official school publications defined
An "official school publication" is material produced by students in the journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or writing classes and distributed to students either free or for a fee.
- B. Expression in an official school publication
1. No student will express, publish or distribute in an official school publication material which is:
 - a. obscene;
 - b. libelous;
 - c. slanderous; or
 - d. encourages students to:
 - 1) commit unlawful acts;
 - 2) violate school rules;
 - 3) cause the material and substantial disruption of the orderly and efficient operation of the school or school activity;
 - 4) disrupt or interfere with the education program;
 - 5) interrupt the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere; or
 - 6) infringe on the rights of others.
 2. The official school publication will be produced under the supervision of a faculty advisor.
- C. Responsibilities of students
1. Students writing or editing official school publications will assign and edit the contents of the official school publications subject to the limitations of the student publications code and the law.
 2. Students will strive to achieve professional standards of accuracy, fairness, objectivity, and thoroughness in each and every aspect of official school publications.
 3. Students will strive to achieve professional standards of grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling for clarity and accuracy of official school publications.
- D. Responsibilities of faculty advisors
Faculty advisors will supervise student writers to maintain professional standards of English and journalism and to comply with the law, including, but not limited to, the restrictions against unlawful speech.

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E. Liability

Student expression in an official school publication will not be deemed to be an expression of the school district. The school district, the Board, and the employees or officials are not liable in any civil or criminal action for any student expression made or published by students unless the employees or officials have interfered with or altered the content of the student expression. The liability, if any, is only to the extent of interference or alteration of the speech or expression.

F. Appeal procedure

1. Students who believe they have been unreasonably restricted in their exercise of expression in an official student publication will seek review of the decision through the student grievance procedure.

G. Time, place and manner of restrictions on official school publications

1. Official student publications may be distributed in a reasonable manner on or off school premises.

2. No publications will be distributed that:

- a. commit unlawful acts;
- b. violate school rules;
- c. cause the material and substantial disruption of the orderly and efficient operation of the school district or school activity;
- d. disrupt or interfere with the education program;
- e. interrupt the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere; or
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