

School Sponsored Publications

The Board of Education sponsors a school publication so that pupils may learn under adult direction the rights and responsibilities of the press in a free society.

In sponsoring a school publication the Board is mindful of the fact that the newspaper could be available to any pupil attending this school, and must, therefore, be generally suitable for all pupils.

Issues on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion may be introduced in a school sponsored publication provided both sides of the issue are given equal opportunity to present their views.

In order to ascertain that school sponsored publication do not violate legal standards, the Board requires that each publication be submitted to the principal for review in advance of its distribution. A publication that contains material in violation of law may not be distributed. Where the principal cannot show, within two school days, why the publication should not be distributed, the publication must be released for distribution.

In those cases where publication has been halted, the students affected may appeal that decision to the Superintendent who shall rule on that appeal within two school days. Appeal may then be taken to the Board of Education.