School-Community Relations

Posting and/or Distribution of Non-School Related Materials

The schools should avoid exploiting students, whether by advertising or otherwise promoting products or services, soliciting funds or information, or securing participation in non-school related activities and functions. At the same time, schools should inform and assist students to learn about programs, activities or information that may be of help or service to them. The following general guidelines will apply:

- Permission to pass out and/or post bulletins will be approved by the Superintendent or designee if they announce a community program or service for youth.

Materials that do the following are unacceptable:

- Attack or discriminate against ethnic, religious or any racial group (including but not limited to “hate literature”);
- Promote hostility, disorder or violence;
- Promote for commercial purposes – advertising a product or service for sale or rent;
- Are libelous, inhibit the functioning of the school or advocate interference with the rights of any individual or with the normal operation of the school;
- Favor or oppose any political candidate, any bond issue or any other question to be decided by an election; or
- Are obscene or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards
- Are improper for distribution in public schools

- Distribution for outside groups which require employees or students to handle money will not be allowed.

- The administration of surveys, questionnaires and requests for information by non-school connected organizations will not be allowed.
The following will be the distribution of Non-School Related Materials Procedure:

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

1. The principal will designate a place for distribution and/or posting of materials within the school or on school grounds.

2. Materials will be available or posted for a maximum of 10 school days.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

1. The building principal will designate the area for posting of all non-school related posters. The building principal will be provided the appropriate number of copies by the organization requesting distribution.

2. All items to be handed out will be distributed by the principal to appropriate grade level teachers for distribution to students.

3. Handouts will be distributed at the conclusion of the instructional day. No instruction time will be used to distribute non-school related materials.

4. Students have the right to refuse to accept the handouts/materials.

5. Direct sales by outside vendors to students in school are prohibited.

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