

Student Distribution Of Non-Curricular Materials

To understand the Constitutional right of free speech, students must not only study the underlying principles but must also have an opportunity to put them into practice. There are, however, limitations on the right of student free speech in the school setting. Particularly with respect to the distribution of noncurricular written materials on school property, it is necessary to strike a balance between student free speech rights and the school's responsibility to maintain an orderly school environment that respects the rights of all students on school grounds and during school-sponsored activities. The superintendent shall adopt regulations to help ensure that this balance is maintained. The regulations shall be included in all student conduct and discipline code handbooks.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-1-120
C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(r)

CROSS REFS.: JICE, Student Publications
JKD/JKE, Student Suspension and Expulsion
KHC, Distribution/Posting of Promotional Literature

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Students shall be allowed to distribute noncurricular written materials on school property subject to the restrictions set forth below.

Students who wish to distribute noncurricular written materials on school property must notify the principal a minimum of one day in advance to evaluate the appropriateness of the materials for distribution and to work out the details regarding the time, place and manner of distribution.

School equipment and materials shall not be used for publication of noncurricular written material unless authorized as a school-sponsored activity.

The distribution of any written material which is obscene or defamatory, or which violates another person's privacy rights, advocates the commission of an unlawful act or violation of district policy and/or regulations, or which causes a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school, is prohibited.

The following restrictions will apply to all requests for distribution of noncurricular written materials by students:

1. Time Distribution shall be made during times designated by the principal. In no event shall distribution occur at any time that would disrupt educational or other school-related activities.
2. Place Distribution shall be made at places within the school or on school grounds as designated by the principal. In no event shall such materials be distributed in any classroom or immediate area where educational or other school-related activities are currently taking place.
3. Manner No person shall in any way be compelled or coerced to accept any noncurricular written material being distributed on school grounds. All material distributed or to be distributed which is discarded in school buildings or on school grounds shall be removed by the person distributing such material.

Students who distribute noncurricular printed materials in violation of this regulation shall be subject to disciplinary action.

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