

## **Community Relations**

### **Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities**

No material or literature shall be posted or distributed that would:

1. disrupt the educational process,
2. violate the rights or invade the privacy of others,
3. infringe on a trademark or copyright, or
4. be defamatory, obscene, vulgar, or indecent.

No material, literature, or advertisements shall be posted or distributed without advance approval as described in this policy.

### **Community, Educational, Charitable, or Recreational Organizations**

Community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may, under procedures established by the Superintendent, advertise events pertinent to students' interests or involvement. All advertisements must be

1. student-oriented
2. prominently display the sponsoring organization's name and
3. be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee. The District reserves the right to decide where and when any advertisement or flyer is distributed, displayed or posted.

### **Commercial Companies and Political Candidates or Parties**

Commercial companies may purchase space for their advertisements in or on:

1. athletic field fences,
2. athletic, theater, or music programs,
3. student newspapers or yearbooks
4. scoreboards, or
5. other appropriate locations.

The advertisements must be consistent with this policy and its implementing procedures and be appropriate for fields, scoreboards, or other building locations and be appropriate for display in a school context. Prior approval from the Board is needed for permanent advertisements on athletic fields, scoreboards, or other building locations. Prior approval is needed from the Superintendent or designee for advertisements on athletic, theater, or music programs; student newspapers and yearbooks, and any commercial material related to graduation, class pictures, or class rings.

No individual or entity may advertise or promote its interests by using the names or pictures of the School District, any District school or facility, students, except as authorized by and consistent with administrative procedures and approved by the Board.

Material from candidates and political parties will not be accepted for posting or distribution, except when used as part of the curriculum.

LEGAL REF.: Berger v. Rensselaer Central School Corp., 982 F.2d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 113 S.Ct. 2344 (1993).  
DiLoreto v. Downey Unified School Dist., 196 F.3d 958 (9th Cir. 1999).  
Hedges v. Wauconda Community Unit School Dist., No. 18, 9 F.3d 5 (7th Cir. 1993).  
Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).  
Sherman v. Community Consolidated School Dist. 21, 8 F.3d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 114 S.Ct. 2109 (1994).  
Victory Through Jesus Sports Ministry v. Lee's Summit R-7 Sch. Dist., 640 F3d 329 (8th Cir. 2011), cert denied, 132 S.Ct.592 (2011).

CROSS REF.: 7:325 (Student Fund-Raising Activities)

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