

**10200 Student Rights and Responsibilities****10230 Distribution of Non-School Materials on School Property**

The District respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute and post materials in areas designated for posting as a part of expression, as guaranteed by the Commonwealth and United States Constitutions, with certain limitations.

This policy addresses student distribution and posting of materials that are not part of District-sponsored activities. Materials sought to be distributed or posted as part of the curricular or extracurricular programs of the District shall be regulated as part of the District's educational program.

Unprotected Student Expression

The District reserves the right to limit and prohibit manifestations of unprotected student materials/expression including but not limited to that which:

1. libels any specific person or persons.
2. advocates the use or advertises the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and serious danger to the health or welfare of students.
3. uses obscene, lewd, vulgar or profane language; whether verbal, written or symbolic.
4. incites violence; advocates use of force; or encourages violation of federal, state or municipal law, or District policies, rules or regulations.
5. is likely to or does materially or substantially interfere with the educational process, including school activities, school work, or discipline and order on school property or at school functions; threaten serious harm to the school or community; or interferes with another's rights.
6. violates written school District administrative regulations or procedures on time, place and manner for posting and distribution of otherwise protected expression.
7. advertises or attempts to exploit students regarding for-profit activities.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop written procedures (1) to provide for the review of nonschool materials prior to posting and/or distribution; and (2) to determine the designation of the places and times nonschool materials may be distributed and/or posted in each school building. Such procedures shall be written to permit the orderly operation of schools, while recognizing the rights of students to engage in protected expression. The distribution and posting of non-school materials shall occur only at the places and during the times set forth in such written procedures.

Distribution or Posting Of Nonschool Materials

All materials sought to be distributed pursuant to this policy shall contain the following disclaimer:

“THESE EVENTS, PROGRAMS OR GROUPS ARE NOT AFFILIATED, SPONSORED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.”

Students who post or distribute printed materials shall be responsible for clearing any litter that results from their activity and shall schedule the distribution/posting so that they do not miss instructional time..

Discipline For Engaging In Unprotected Expression

Students who distribute or post nonschool written materials in violation of this policy and District procedures, or who continue the manifestation of unprotected expression after a person in authority orders that they cease and desist shall be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct.

This policy and any procedures written to implement this policy shall be referenced in student handbooks so that students can access them for further information.

Adoption Date	-
Revision Date	-
Review Date	-
Legal Reference	- Public School Code of 1949 - 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511
State Board of Education Regulations	- 22 PA Code Sec. 12.2, 12.9
U.S. Constitution	- Amend. I
Cross Reference	- Policy 10510

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