

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION 11000

11100 Relations with Local Entities

11110 Distribution and/or Posting of Materials by Citizens and Community Organizations

This Policy addresses distribution and/or posting of material on school property or at a school-sponsored event by citizens and community organizations. This Policy does not govern the distribution and/or posting of material by District employees, which is governed by Policy 7240. This Policy does not govern the distribution and/or posting of material by students, which is governed by Policy 10230.

Definitions for Purposes of this Policy

Distribution – delivering of material to others on school property or during a school-sponsored event; placing material upon desks, on or in lockers; or engaging in any other manner of delivery of material to others while on school property or during a school-sponsored event.

Posting – any public displaying of material on school property or at a school-sponsored event, including but not limited to, affixing such material to walls, doors, bulletin boards, easels, or the outside of lockers.

Material - any printed or written material meant for posting or distribution to others, including but not limited to fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, and posters.

Citizens and Community Organizations – organizations, groups, or individuals that are not part of the school program, are not part of a school-sponsored activity or event, and are not organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or Board policy.

Distribution and/or Posting of Material

The District welcomes citizens and community groups to distribute and/or post material on school district property or at a school-sponsored event that provides information that may be of benefit to the students or employees of the District. The distribution and/or posting of material involving a solicitation for the sale of products or services is prohibited, unless the product or service has an educational purpose that is beneficial to the students of the District and is approved in advance by the building principal. The District also reserves the right to preclude citizens and community organizations from distributing and/or posting material on school district property or during a school-sponsored event when the District is permitted to do so pursuant to the Commonwealth and United States Constitutions or applicable law. Such material will likely be that which:

1. Libels/defames any specific person or persons.

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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 persons or property.
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; threatens serious harm to the school or community; or encourages unlawful activity.
6. Violates District requirements relative to advance approval or time, place and manner restrictions for otherwise protected expression.
7. Is not prepared or sponsored by the District or a District employee, but that students could reasonably believe is prepared or sponsored by the District or a District employee.

When distribution and/or posting of material is permitted, it shall require the prior approval of the building principal, and the building principal shall determine the appropriate time, place, and manner for distribution and/or posting. To the extent that a citizen or community organization desires to rent/use a facility for the purpose of distributing material, the requirements of Policy 11401 must also be adhered to.

All material sought to be distributed or posted pursuant to this Policy shall contain the following disclaimer:

“THE CONTENT OF THIS MATERIAL IS IN NO WAY AFFILIATED WITH; SPONSORED, ENDORSED OR ADVOCATED BY; OR ADMINISTERED BY THE WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.”

Citizens or community organization who distribute or post printed material shall be responsible for clearing any litter that results from their activity and shall schedule the distribution and/or posting so that the students do not miss instructional time.

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