

Student Petitions and Distribution of Non-Curricular Materials

Students who wish to circulate petitions or distribute non-curricular materials on school property or in conjunction with a school activity must notify the Principal or designee a minimum of three school days in advance so that details may be worked out regarding the time, place and manner of distribution. The principal or designee is authorized to shorten this time period for good cause shown.

All students are required to produce an advance copy of the petitions or non-curricular materials that will be circulated or distributed for review solely for the purposes of determining whether the student has exercised proper judgement with respect to the content of this material or materials and to determine whether they contain information which, in the Principal's or designee's judgement is prohibited by Board policy.

The following restrictions will apply to all requests to circulate petitions or distribute non-curricular materials by students:

1. Place

Circulation of petitions or distribution of non-curricular materials must be made at places within the school or on school grounds as designated by the administration except that in no event may such petitions or materials be circulated or distributed in any classroom of any building then being occupied by a regularly-scheduled class.

2. Time

Circulation or distribution may be made up to one-half hour before school and/or during regularly scheduled lunch periods and/or up to 15 minutes after the close of school. Any other times during the school day are considered to be disruptive of normal school activities.

3. Littering

All distributed petitions or non-curricular materials discarded in school or on school grounds must be removed by the persons distributing such petitions or materials.

4. Manner

No student may in any way be compelled or coerced to sign any petitions or accept any non-curricular materials being circulated or distributed by any person. In the alternative, no school official or student may interfere with the circulation or distribution of such petitions or materials.

Violation of any of these regulations will be sufficient cause for denial of the privilege to circulate petitions or distribute non-curricular materials at future dates and/or for disciplinary action.

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