

Poplar School District

STUDENTS

3100

Publications and Distribution or Posting of Materials

School Sponsored Publications

School-sponsored publications and productions are part of the curriculum and are not a public forum for general student use. School authorities may edit or delete material that is inconsistent with the District's educational mission. All student media shall comply with the ethics and rules of responsible journalism.

Text that is libelous, obscene, invades the privacy of others, conflicts with the basic educational mission of the school, is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to the maturity level of the students, or is materially disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated. The author's name will accompany personal opinions published/produced and will be provided within the same media.

Non-School Sponsored Publications

Distribution in school of written material that is obscene, libelous, invades the privacy of others, will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, or advocates conduct otherwise inconsistent with shared values of a civilized social order is prohibited. Distribution in school includes distribution on school property or at school-related activities.

Students who distribute such material or who write or publish such material for distribution engage in gross disobedience and misconduct and will be disciplined in accordance with Board policy.

Distribution and Posting of Materials

Except as provided above, the District allows distribution of materials of parent and student organizations sponsored by the District or other governmental agencies. The District also may allow distribution of materials that provide information that supplements or supports the District's curriculum or educational objectives. The Superintendent/designee must approve all materials before they may be distributed by any organization or person. To facilitate the distribution of materials with information about student activities, each building may maintain a centrally located bulletin board for the posting of materials, and/or maintain a table available to students for placing approved materials.

Cross Reference: 3310 Student Discipline

Legal Reference: § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and Sanctions

Policy History:

Adopted on:

Revised on: 11 July 2016