

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED

1. Statement of Policy.

Students and employees free speech rights will be protected, taking into consideration the educational objectives and responsibilities of MSD of Wayne Township.

The distribution of materials at District schools, facilities, and activities that are not school sponsored shall be permitted unless:

- a. the time, location, or manner of distribution causes a disruption of a school district curricular or extracurricular activity;
- b. it is obscene to minors;
- c. it is libelous or slanderous;
- d. it is pervasively indecent or vulgar or contains any indecent or vulgar language or representations (the appropriateness of the material will depend on the age level of students to which it is intended);
- e. it advertises or promotes any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
- f. Constitutes insulting or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses other people;
- g. it advocates violence or any other illegal conduct; or
- h. it is determined to present a substantial risk of disruption of a curricular or extracurricular District activity.

2. Implementation of This Policy.

All distribution of materials that are not school-sponsored at District schools facilities, and activities must be approved by the District's Chief Communication Officer before distributing. The Chief Communications Officer will apply the standards in this guideline when approving distribution.

The schools and facilities of the District are operated for the purpose of supporting the curricular and extracurricular activities of the District and are therefore not an open or public forum.

If a District employee or student believes that distribution of non-school sponsored material violates these guidelines, he/she shall report the disruption to an administrator. The administrator shall evaluate the situation and respond by implementing this policy.

3. Criteria Not To Be Employed.

The distribution of materials that are not school sponsored shall not be prohibited or restricted because the materials contain content that supports or opposes an act or failure to act by a governmental entity or public official, or is critical of a school district policy or practice.

MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana
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