

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Distribution of School-Sponsored Materials

All school-sponsored publications and materials shall be approved for distribution by the school principal. The principal shall be responsible for approving the format, style, composition, and accuracy of the content.

All division-sponsored publications and materials developed under the direction of the Central Office staff for distribution to the community shall be submitted to the office of the Division Superintendent for approval prior to distribution.

Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Materials

The School Board regards its owned, leased or otherwise controlled property as a nonpublic forum to the fullest extent permitted by law, in order to focus school operations and functions on its instructional and curricular mission; to minimize disruption of or interference with the educational process during the school or work day; to ensure materials distributed in and through the schools are age-appropriate, support or enhance school programming and/or present external educational, recreational, cultural or enrichment information and opportunities for students and/or their parents; and to minimize administrative burdens associated with distribution of non-school materials. The Division Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations and directives regarding the distribution of non-school materials on school property in a manner consistent with this policy and with applicable law.

No student shall be required to convey or deliver any materials that advocate the:

- a. election or defeat of any candidate for elective office,
- b. passage or defeat of any referendum question, or
- c. passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body or the General Assembly of Virginia or the Congress of the United States.

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Legal References:

U.S. Const. amend. I

Va. Const. art. VIII § 7

Va. Code §§ 22.1-79 and 22.1-79.3