

PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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220-AR-0. STUDENT EXPRESSION/DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING OF MATERIALS

Students have the responsibility to act in accordance with Board Policy No. 220, to obey laws governing libel and obscenity, and to be aware of the full meaning of their expression.

Students have the responsibility to be aware of the feelings and opinions of others and to give others a fair opportunity to express their views.

The definitions set forth in Policy No. 220 are incorporated herein.

These regulations address the distribution and posting of nonschool materials, as defined in Policy No. 220, which are not part of the curricular or cocurricular program of the district. Materials sought to be distributed or posted as part of the curricular or cocurricular program of the district will be regulated as part of the district's educational program and are not subject to the time, place and manner provisions set forth herein.

Time, Place And Manner Of Distribution Of Nonschool Materials

Students may distribute and/or post nonschool materials, provided that the form of expression and/or the use of public school facilities and equipment is/are in accordance with Board Policy 220, these regulations and the school dress code, if applicable.

The distribution by students of all nonschool materials will be governed by the following regulations:

1. All nonschool materials, together with a copy of the plan of distribution, must be submitted to the building principal, who will forward such information to the Superintendent or designee for approval, no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the planned distribution. The plan of distribution will set forth in detail the desired time, place and manner of distribution, as well as those who will be distributing the materials.
2. Identification of the individual student or at least one (1) responsible person in a student group will be required upon submission for approval. The person wishing to distribute such material on school property must provide in writing his/her name, address, telephone number and organization, if any. This information will be filed in the building principal's office.
3. The administration will review the material and determine if it constitutes unprotected expression in accordance with Policy No. 220 and/or is consistent with these regulations. The building principal or designee will notify the student(s) planning to distribute nonschool

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material of his/her decision to grant or deny permission to distribute the material as planned. If the decision is to not permit the distribution, the building principal or designee will specify the reasons for his/her decision and will specify the changes in the content of the material or in the plan of distribution which must be made, if any, in order to secure such permission. If the student(s) desiring to distribute such material make(s) such changes in a manner satisfactory to the decision-maker prior to the planned distribution, the building principal or designee may then grant permission to distribute.

4. No material and/or plan of distribution will be permitted to be distributed on school property if the content contains unprotected student expression as defined in Policy No. 220.
5. Any materials that have not been permitted for distribution will not be distributed on school property, at school-sponsored functions or on school-provided vehicles.
6. Subject to these regulations, students may leave nonschool materials for distribution on table(s) provided by the school. All such materials left on the table(s) will be discarded at the end of each calendar month. Distribution of nonschool materials in other places will be permitted only upon receipt of written permission from the building principal or designee.
7. Distribution of nonschool materials will not be permitted when it blocks the safe flow of traffic; in corridors between classes; and in classrooms during class time.
8. Materials permitted to be distributed may be required to display the following district disclaimer, as directed by the building principal or designee:

DISCLAIMER: THE _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND DOES NOT CONDONE, ANY STATEMENT, SENTIMENT OR OPINION PUBLISHED OR EXPRESSED IN THIS DOCUMENT. THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT PART OF, AND HAS NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS PART OF, THE DISTRICT'S CURRICULAR OR COCURRICULAR PROGRAMS.
9. Any student who distributes materials will be responsible for cleaning any litter that results from such distribution, including any discarded pamphlets, flyers or other documents.
10. No student will harass or otherwise interfere with the distribution of approved nonschool material by student(s), nor may a student in any way compel or coerce a student to accept any materials.
11. The district has no responsibility to assist students in or to provide facilities for the publishing of nonschool materials.

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Posting Of Nonschool Materials

Building administrators will provide a designated area for use by students for the posting of nonschool materials. The posting of all nonschool materials will be governed by the following regulations:

1. All nonschool materials desired to be posted must be submitted to the building principal, who will forward such information to the Superintendent or designee for approval, no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the planned posting.
2. Identification of the individual student or at least one (1) responsible person in a student group will be required upon submission for approval. The person wishing to post such material must provide in writing his/her name, address, telephone number and organization, if any. This information will be filed in the building principal's office.
3. The administration will review the material and determine if it constitutes unprotected expression in accordance with Policy No. 220 and/or is consistent with these regulations. The building principal or designee will notify the student(s) planning to post nonschool material of his/her decision to grant or deny permission to post the material as planned. If the decision is to not permit the posting, the building principal or designee will specify the reasons for his/her decision and will specify the changes in the content of the material, if any, in order to secure such permission. If the student(s) desiring to post such material make(s) such changes in a manner satisfactory to the decision-maker prior to the planned posting, the building principal or designee may then grant permission to post.
4. No material will be permitted to be posted on school property if the content contains unprotected student expression as defined in Policy No. 220.
5. Any materials that have not been permitted for posting will not be posted on school property.
6. All materials desired to be posted will contain the date it was first posted.
7. All materials permitted to be posted must be removed after the designated number of school days to assure full access to the bulletin boards.
8. No student will remove or otherwise interfere with the posting of approved nonschool material by student(s).

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9. Permitted postings may be required to display the following district disclaimer, as directed by the building principal or designee:

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Disciplinary Consequences

Any student who violates any provision of Policy No. 220 or these regulations will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Dissemination Of Regulation

A copy of this regulation will be published in student handbooks and posted conspicuously in school buildings.