STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CODE

A. Official school publications defined.
   An "official school publication" is material produced by students in the journalism,
   newspaper, yearbook, or writing classes and distributed to students either free or
   for a fee.

B. Expression in an official school publication.
   1. No student will express, publish or distribute in an official school publication
      material which is:
         a. obscene;
         b. libelous;
         c. slanderous; or
         d. encourages students to:
            1) commit unlawful acts;
            2) violate school rules;
            3) cause the material and substantial disruption of the orderly and
               efficient operation of the school or school activity;
            4) disrupt or interfere with the education program;
            5) interrupt the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere; or,
            6) infringe on the rights of others.
   2. The official school publication is produced under the supervision of a faculty
      advisor.

C. Responsibilities of students.
   1. Students writing or editing official school publications will assign and edit the
      news, editorial and feature contents of the official school publications subject
      to the limitations of the student publications code and the law.
   2. Students will strive to achieve professional standards of accuracy, fairness,
      objectivity and thoroughness in each and every aspect of official school
      publications.
   3. Students will strive to achieve professional standards of grammar, usage,
      punctuation and spelling for clarity and accuracy of official school publications.

D. Responsibilities of faculty advisors.
   Faculty advisors will supervise student writers to maintain professional standards of
   English and journalism and to comply with the law including, but not limited to, the
   restrictions against unlawful speech.

E. Liability.
   Student expression in an official school publication will not be deemed to be an
   expression of the school district. The school district, the board, and the employees
   or officials are not liable in any civil or criminal action for any student expression
   made or published by students unless the employees or officials have interfered
   with or altered the content of the student expression. The liability, if any, is only to
   the extent of interference or alteration of the speech or expression.
F. Appeal procedure.

1. Students who believe they have been unreasonably restricted in their exercise of expression in an official student publication will seek review of the decision through the student grievance procedure, under board policy 502.4.

2. Persons who believe they have been aggrieved by a student-produced official student publication will file their complaint through the citizen grievance procedure, under board policy 109.0.

G. Time, place and manner of restrictions on official school publications.

1. Official student publications may be distributed in a reasonable manner on or off school premises.

2. Distribution in a reasonable manner will not encourage students to:
   
   a. commit unlawful acts;
   b. violate school rules;
   c. cause the material and substantial disruption of the orderly and efficient operation of the school district or school activity;
   d. disrupt or interfere with the education program;
   e. interrupt the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere; or,
   f. infringe on the rights of others.