

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

School-sponsored media, as defined by NDCC 15.1-19-25, shall be supervised by a student media advisor and may be reviewed by a building principal to determine if the publication contains restricted content as listed below.

The following material is prohibited from being published in school-sponsored media:

1. Material that is profane or pornographic
2. Material that is slanderous or libelous in nature
3. Material that infringes or may infringe on the privacy rights of others
4. Material that violates federal or state law, promotes violence, terrorism, or other illegal activities including, but not limited to, material that promotes tobacco and/or drug and alcohol use by minors
5. Material that is reasonably forecasted to materially and substantially disrupt the educational environment
6. Material that violates or incites the violation of policy including, but not limited to, the district's policies on bullying, harassment, and discrimination
7. Material that poses a direct safety threat to the District, its students, and/or staff

Prior to the distribution or broadcast of any school-sponsored media the building principal, or designee, may review the material or script for the sole purpose of determining if the material or script violates this policy.

A decision to prohibit publication and distribution of a student publication with restricted content may be made by the building principal and may be appealed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall investigate and issue a decision in a timely manner. The Superintendent's decision is binding.

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