

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Board and District support the students rights and responsibilities to express their views and opinions in writing. Literature written by District students may be distributed by the student authors without prior approval so long as the literature complies with the following guidelines and the distribution is performed in a manner that otherwise complies with this policy.

1. The literature must primarily be authored by the Hilliard City School District student or group of students who distribute it, and the literature must identify the student author(s).
2. The literature must not appear to bear the authority of the school.
3. Literature which promotes the products, activities or services of any non-school entity must not be primarily commercial in nature and must prominently display the following statement: “The opinions, products, activities, and/or services of this organization are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Hilliard City School District.” Purchases of advertising space are governed by Advertising Policy KJ.
4. The literature must be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the intended recipients, and distribution of the literature must not be inconsistent with or interfere with the educational mission of the District. The following are examples of the kinds of literature that may not be distributed:
  - A. literature that is defamatory, invasive of privacy or an infringement of copyright;
  - B. literature that is vulgar, indecent, plainly offensive or obscene to a minor;
  - C. literature that incites students to engage in, or otherwise promotes, illegal conduct or conduct that violates the student code of conduct, including the use of substances that are prohibited to minors (such as tobacco, alcohol and drugs);
  - D. literature inconsistent with an environment of civility and decency and/or that violates the District’s policy prohibiting ethnic intimidation and
  - E. literature that violates any other policy of the Hilliard City School District.
5. The literature must not infringe on the rights of others or be likely to substantially interfere with the discipline of the schools or cause a substantial disruption in the activities of the schools.
6. Literature that concerns sexual or reproductive issues, whether or not it has any explicitly sexual content shall not be approved for distribution.

7. Literature that promotes or opposes any political figure, candidate or issue, including ballot issues of any kind, shall not be approved for distribution, with the exception of those pertaining to Hilliard City School District levies, bond issues and Board of Education campaigns. Exceptions may be granted by the Board for issues that directly affect Hilliard City Schools. These exceptions must have Board resolution.

In addition any District student (or group of students acting in concert) may distribute so long as the literature complies with these guidelines and the distribution is performed in a manner that otherwise complies with this policy. If a student is uncertain whether literature intended for distribution satisfies these guidelines, the student may seek guidance from the building principal/advisor.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I  
ORC 3313.66; 3313.661

CROSS REFS.: EDE, Computer Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)  
IIBH, District Websites  
JF, Student Rights and Responsibilities