

Ozark City Schools Procedure

Open Forums for Availability of Religious Material

The Ozark City School System will allow two open forum events during each school year for the purpose of making available certain religious and moral materials. One forum will be for graduating seniors and one for 5th graders who are advancing to 6th grade. The following procedural requirements will be in place for each forum:

1. The 12th grade forum will take place following graduation practice in the spring. It will be conducted off of school board property on the grounds of the civic center. The 5th grade forum will take place at Mixon Intermediate School following the completion of the 5th grade honors day program.
2. Any group desiring to participate in either forum must supply their own tables and materials. Any materials distributed will be subject to review by school system administrators for the purpose of determining if the materials both legal and proper.
3. Tables will be set up in such a manner as to not impede traffic flow as parents and students exit the facility.
4. Each table must display a sign listing the name of the organization making the materials available and indicating that the materials are free and participation is voluntary. The sign should also indicate that this is not a school sponsored activity.
5. No announcement will be made during the program regarding the availability of the materials.
6. Members of the sponsoring organization must remain with their table during the program and cannot promote discussions with students, regarding the materials, at any time during the forum.
7. At the conclusion of the forum the group making the materials available must clean up all materials and leave the space as they found it upon arrival.