

**Policy**

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DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS

The Paulsboro Board of Education recognizes that freedom of speech is a basic right extended to students in the public school. The Board further recognizes that the expression of this right by students, through the use of district publications can serve to educate and encourage students in the responsible communication of ideas, opinions and beliefs. The Paulsboro Board of Education is committed to providing its student and school community with the opportunity to submit entries and have access to the district publications.

A publication is considered an official organ of the school and a district publication when it is publicized, sold, distributed and produced during or after school hours on behalf of, or by the school, an employee, student, any authorized agent of the school, or paid for by the school. All district publications are subject to reasonable controls and monitoring.

The Superintendent of Schools/designee shall direct development and review of informational newsletters and handbooks for parents/guardians, pupils, staff and the general community as deemed necessary by the board. The district annual report shall be printed for distribution. The board secretary shall make the district audit available to the public as required by law.

Centralized control of district publications, including the district web site, shall be designed to ensure that their contents reflect district-wide policies and regulations accurately.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent of Schools shall prepare procedures to ensure that the district web site, or web sites of any schools in the district, shall not publish any personally identifiable information about a student without prior written consent from the student's parents/guardians. Consent shall be obtained on the form indicated by the State Department of Education and shall contain a statement describing the potential dangers of posting personally identifiable information about students on the Internet.

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Key Words

District Publications, Publications, Newsletters, Handbooks, Web Site

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20 Superintendent; general powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq. Audits and Auditors  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35 School internet web sites; disclosure of certain student information prohibited  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.4(a)1 Evaluation process for the annual review  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2 School-level planning

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS (continued)**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
	*1100	Communicating with the public
	*1110	Media
	2232	Internal administrative communications
	*3100	Budget planning, preparation and adoption
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*5125	Pupil records
	*5131	Conduct/discipline
	*5145.12	Search and seizure
	*6142	Subject fields
	*6142.2	English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
	*6142.10	Technology
	*6145.3	Publications
	*6146	Graduation requirements
	*6171.3	At-risk and Title 1
	*6171.4	Special education
	9310	Development, distribution and maintenance of governance manual

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.