

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Media Access to Students	Descriptor Code: 6.604	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 School administrators shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to
2 students in their respective schools. Media representatives shall be required to report to the adminis-
3 tration for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities
4 not attended by the general public. The media may interview and photograph students involved in
5 instructional programs and school activities including athletic events. Such media access shall not be
6 unduly disruptive and shall comply with Board policies.

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8 Each year parents/guardians will be given the option to withhold permission for public news media
9 interviews or photographs of their child at school.

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11 Specific parental/guardian permission must be obtained if the story or photograph covers topics of
12 a sensitive nature.

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14 If any student is to be filmed or videotaped and will be identified or a primary subject of the filming or
15 videotaping, prior written consent/release/waiver will be obtained from the student's parent/guardian.

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17 District employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable
18 provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and per-
19 sonally identifiable information.¹

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21 Parents will be advised of the Board's media access to students policy at the time of the student's
22 registration and each fall in the student/parent handbook.

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Legal Reference:

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