

# Hardeman County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in May</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Media Access to Students</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.604</b>	Issued Date: <b>02/17/00</b>
		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 administra-  
3 tion for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not  
4 attended by the general public. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instruc-  
5 tional programs and school activities including athletic events. Such media access shall not be unduly  
6 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 a  
12 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  
15 or 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 person-  
19 ally identifiable information.<sup>1</sup>

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21 Parents will be advised of this policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the student/  
22 parent handbook.

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33 Legal Reference:

34 1. USCA 20-1232g; TRR/MS 0520-1-9-.14(7)(h)

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Cross Reference:

News Releases, News Conferences & Interviews 1.503