

# Hancock County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in May</b>	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Media Access to Students</h2>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">6.604</h3>	Issued Date: <h3 style="text-align: center;">08/06/15</h3>
		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
- 3 administration for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and
- 4 activities not attended by the general public. The media may interview and photograph students involved
- 5 in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events, but such media access shall not
- 6 be unduly disruptive.
  
- 7 Each year parents/guardians shall be given the option to withhold permission for public news media
- 8 interviews or photographs of their child at school.
  
- 9 Specific parental/guardian permission must be obtained if the story or photograph covers topics of a
- 10 sensitive nature.
  
- 11 If any student is to be filmed or videotaped and will be identified or a primary subject of the filming or
- 12 videotaping, prior written consent/release/waiver shall be obtained from the student's parent/guardian.
  
- 13 District employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable
- 14 provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and person-
- 15 ally identifiable information.<sup>1</sup>
  
- 16 Parents shall be advised of this policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the stu-
- 17 dent/parent handbook.

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Legal References

1. USCA 20-1232g

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Cross References

News Releases, News Conferences & Interviews 1.503