

Greene County Board of Education

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1 STUDENT RIGHTS

2 The student shall be allowed to responsibly express himself/herself and to disseminate his/her views in
3 writing.¹

4 Any student may submit articles and editorials for school-sponsored publications. The procedure for
5 submission of materials shall be published and distributed to all students.

6 STANDARDS

7 School-sponsored publications shall adhere to commonly accepted community standards, and no
8 printed material may be distributed which:

- 9 1. Is obscene²
- 10 2. Is libelous³
- 11 3. May create a material and substantial disruption of the normal school activity or appropriate
12 discipline in the school.⁴

13 CONTROL AND SUPERVISION

14 Student publications shall be under the control of the principal. Each school shall have a faculty
15 sponsor who reviews all publications proposed to be distributed in the school by a student or school
16 group.²

17 DISTRIBUTION

18 School authorities shall regulate the time, manner, place and duration for the distribution of
19 publications on school grounds.

20 As it pertains to the school, distribution shall be defined as any manner of disseminating written or
21 printed materials equally, systematically or merely at random to several or many persons on school
22 grounds.

23 APPEALS

24 If a request for distributing any portion of a student publication is denied by the faculty sponsor, the
25 decision may be appealed to the principal, then to the director of schools, and ultimately to the Board.

Legal References

1. U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights - First Amendment
2. *Bethel School District v. Frasier*, 478 U.S. 675, 106 S.Ct. 3159
3. *Schwartz v. Schuker*, 298 F. Supp. 238, 242 (D.C.N.Y. 1969)
4. *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community District*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
5. *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeir*, 108 S.Ct. 562 (1988)

Cross References

- Use of Copyrighted Materials 4.404
- Use of the Internet 4.406
- School and System Web Sites 4.407
- Controversial Issues 4.800