

Decatur County Board of Education

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1 **STUDENT RIGHTS**

2 A student shall be allowed to responsibly express and disseminate his/her views in writing.

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

5 **STANDARDS**

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

- 8 1. Is obscene
- 9 2. Is libelous
- 10 3. May create a material and substantial disruption of the normal school activity or appropriate discipline in
11 the school.

12 **CONTROL AND SUPERVISION**

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

15 **DISTRIBUTION**

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

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

20 **APPEALS**

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

Cross References

Use of the Internet 4.406

Web Pages 4.407

Controversial Issues 4.800