Gorham Randolph Shelburne School District

Category: Appendix

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In accordance with the Board Policies JICE, JICEA, and KDC, the following regulations will govern the review, approval, rejection, or revision of student prepared articles for publication, inclusive of website publications, and student productions. These regulations will also govern the appeal process for students wishing to appeal the rejection or revision of an article proposed for publication or a proposed production.

Review Guidelines

The Superintendent will designate building principals to oversee all materials to be published, performed or distributed by students. Each principal may designate primary responsibility for initial review to the relevant instructor or advisor. Any dispute shall be referred to the responsible principal for review and resolution. The Principal may also initiate review of any proposed publication, performance or other media materials prior to the publication or performance. Disputes over regulation by the Principal shall be referred to the Superintendent.

Authorization will ordinarily be granted provided:

- A. The material is written by students currently enrolled in this school district.
- B. The author(s) are identified in a conspicuous location on all materials.
- C. The material is free from libel, slander, obscenity, profanity, personal attacks or incitement to illegal action(s).
- D. The material does not demean any race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or ethnic group.
- E. The material does not interfere with or will not likely disrupt the school's or district's instructional mission, goals or safety.
- F. The material is free from unauthorized solicitation.
- G. The material is free from advertisements of cigarettes, liquor, illegal or illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia. Distribution

The material shall be distributed or performed as directed by the principal or designee and in such a manner as not to interfere with or disrupt the normal educational process.

Students and/or other school personnel in violation of this policy and regulation will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action taken will not abridge any individual's rights to due process under other district policies or under the law. Such distribution may not occur in a manner that interferes with school networks or websites or with circulation in any hallways, entrances, exits or passages, or to or from school buses, or in a manner that pressures uninterested students to access or view said material.

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