

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULATION No. 522
STUDENTS**

STUDENT SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

The Carson City School District supports the right of students to express themselves in written word or picture and to distribute materials as part of the expression. The District reserves the right of school authorities to designate and prohibit the distribution of printed or electronic materials which are not protected by the right of free expression, because they violate the rights of others.

A. Approval for General Distribution:

- Students who wish to distribute student-sponsored publications or documents of private expression shall submit them for prior review to the school principal. The principal or their designee shall review the materials within three school days to determine whether or not the printed or electronic materials are protected by the right of free expression.
- If the reviewer determines that the materials are not protected because they violate the rights of others, the distribution of the materials shall be restricted until such time as the unprotected materials is deleted or modified so as to be no longer unprotected. Printed or electronic material which engage in bullying or cyber-bullying, or intimidate others will not be approved for distribution.
- The decision of the Principal in this regard may be appealed to the Superintendent. (See Policy and Regulation 903, Process for Resolving Complaints) The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board of Trustees. Such appeals must take place within five calendar days of the prior decision. An appeal that reaches the Board of School Trustees will be scheduled at the next meeting in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

B. Time, Place and Manner of Distribution:

- After receiving approval to distribute material the Principal must be advised of the day(s) and times(s) when the distribution will be made.
- Distribution of student sponsored publications shall take place in a manner so as not to interfere with classroom instruction. In this regard, such distribution shall not take place during the hours that school is actually in session, but may be permitted on school grounds prior to the opening of school and subsequent to dismissal of the last class period of the day.
- Students who distribute printed materials shall be responsible for clearing any litter that results from their activity.

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C. Unacceptable Written or Electronic Materials:

The following will be considered unacceptable written or electronic material for general distribution in and upon the facilities of the Carson City School District:

- Material that is reasonably anticipated to substantially interfere with the work of the school or infringe upon the rights of other students, such that the ability of the school or District to perform its educational mission is substantially interrupted and the disruption is intended.
- Material that promotes hostility, disorder, violence, or which calls for the commission of a crime.
- Material designed for commercial purposes, and not as news, opinion, feature content, advertising, or other content of the student publication.
- Material that is libelous.
- Material that is profane, lewd, indecent or offensive as defined by prevailing community standards throughout the District.
- Materials must not be used to engage in bullying, cyber-bullying, or intimidation of others. (See Policy and Regulation 543, Safe and Respectful Learning Environment Free from Bullying and Cyber-bullying)

Students who distribute printed or electronic materials in knowing violation of District policy and regulations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

NRS 388.077; First and Fourteenth Amendments to U.S. Constitution

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