

**STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
(REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation will govern the review, approval, rejection, or revision of student prepared articles for publication. This regulation will also govern the appeal process for students wishing to appeal the rejection or revision of an article proposed for publication.

1. Expression of ideas and the awareness of a multitude of varying opinions are vitally necessary in the educational process. Students in Perry Public Schools will have the right to distribute printed materials, including pamphlets, posters, leaflets, newspapers, brochures, and circulars which are not designed primarily for commercial or religious purposes.
2. A copy of each issue of any publication or printed material must be provided to the principal to review before its general distribution. It must contain the name of the organization or individual responsible for the publication or printed material.
3. The principal will have the right to withhold distribution of printed materials which, in the opinion of the principal, contain:
 - A. Language or art exposing any person to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or what is otherwise libelous.
 - B. Obscene language or art which:
 1. Predominately appeals to prurient, shameful interests of minors.
 2. Patently offends community standards for literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
 - C. Language or art advocating illegal, violent, or disruptive behavior.
 - D. Language or art advocating prejudice against any person or group.
4. Any student denied permission by the principal to distribute printed material may file an appeal with the superintendent's office with the ultimate appeal to the board of education.
5. Unauthorized printed material may be confiscated immediately.
6. If distribution is approved, distribution may be made anywhere on the school grounds, except in the school building, prior to and after normal school hours. The principal may permit additional distribution at other times and places.
7. Printed material may not be sold without the approval of the principal.
8. Any student who distributes, or causes to be distributed, printed material in violation of any of the conditions mentioned in this section will be held personally accountable. This may result in suspension.
9. It is clearly the intention of the board of education to encourage the dissemination of diverse viewpoints and to foster discussion of all political and social issues.

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10. Freedoms and responsibilities:

- A. The paper should have the freedom to cover all areas of news pertinent to the school and within the bounds of good taste by direct reporting, or editorial comment. This includes school, local, state, and international news.
- B. The newspaper's emphasis and priority should be placed on school news.
- C. Determination of the contents of the publication will be the responsibility of the staff, the adviser, and the principal.
- D. All editorials should reflect the opinions of the newspaper staff.
- E. All completed editorials should be reviewed and approved by a cross section of the editorial staff.
- F. All statements and editorials must be substantiated by fact.

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.