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1. DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

- 1.1. Official school publications include newspapers, yearbooks, and literary magazines prepared in regularly scheduled classes and that are components of the curriculum approved by the School Board. These publications are not intended to provide a public forum for students or the general public. In all instances related to these publications, the School Board will be the publisher, the principal will be the editor, the faculty sponsor will be co-editor, and students appointed by the co-editor may serve as assistant editors and journalists.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS

- 2.1. Student editors and journalists shall be responsible for preparing and writing well-researched factual material that:
- 2.1.1. meets journalistic standards of fairness and balance;
 - 2.1.2. is well-written;
 - 2.1.3. is grammatically correct; and
 - 2.1.4. suitable for audiences of all ages.
- 2.2. Student editors and journalists shall be responsible for preparing and writing factual material that is not obscene, defamatory, or an invasion of privacy that:
- 2.2.1. is reasonably foreseeable to lead to substantial disruption of school activities or to endanger the health or safety of students or staff;
 - 2.2.2. which advocates the commission of an unlawful act or the violation of a lawful school policy or regulation;
 - 2.2.3. which advertises or advocates illegal products or services; or
 - 2.2.4. which advocates prejudice, hatred, violence, and harassment on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, or disability.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS FACULTY CO-EDITOR

- 3.1. School publications' faculty co-editors shall instruct students in the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and help students to understand and

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follow the code. Faculty members shall instruct students in correct and appropriate journalistic techniques and consult with the principal, who is the editor, on material that may violate the law or the journalism Code of Ethics. Material that may be considered controversial by some members of the school community should be carefully considered by students and the faculty editor, and brought to the attention of the principal (editor).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (EDITOR)

- 4.1. The school principal is responsible for approving all publications in accordance with School Board policy and his/her judgment and discretion.

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