

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Policy

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS – NON-SCHOOL GROUPS

Non-Profit Organizations

The Board recognizes that nonprofit organizations may want to distribute materials in the school district that are non-curricular but have social, recreational or educational value for students.

Any nonprofit group wishing to distribute informational material must first submit, to the building principal or a designee, a copy of the material so that it may be reviewed prior to distribution. The primary purpose of the review is to prevent the exploitation of students by individuals or groups.

Contests, Advertising and Promotions

Any club, association or other organization must have prior approval for students' participation in any contest, advertising campaign or promotion. Approval may be given following recommendation by the teacher and principal, according to the following criteria:

1. The objectives of the contest, campaign, or promotion shall be consistent with the district's goals and policies.
2. The proposed activity shall have educational value to the participants and be free of objectionable advancement of the name, product or special interest of the sponsoring group; and
3. Participation by a student shall not interfere with his/her program of curricular or co-curricular activities.

The district will not distribute materials that:

- Are obscene, lewd or vulgar;
- Are libelous;
- Contain language that is intimidating, demeaning, harassing or threatening on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital or veteran status, including, but not limited to racial, sexual, or ethnic slurs;
- Promote commercial enterprises;
- Promote the violation of existing laws, regulations or ordinances, or official school policy, rules or regulations;
or
- Proselytize or disparage religious beliefs.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

The following shall be publicly noticed on an annual basis:

The Port Edwards School District periodically allows the distribution of materials by non-school groups. The District has procedures in place to ensure that the materials have social, recreational or educational value for students.

Dissemination of reviewed and approved information does not reflect the district's endorsement or sponsorship nor does the district assume any responsibility for the activity. In consideration of the privilege to distribute materials, the Port Edwards School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

Any group or individual wishing to request distribution of materials should contact the building principal.