ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Local School Organization and Administration

Distribution of Print Materials

This policy supersedes Policy 1365.5.

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for distribution of print materials.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Title of policy has been changed.
- A philosophy section has been added.
- A responsibilities section has been added.
- A reference to a regulation has been added.

III. PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax County School Board recognizes that schools are centers of learning, and that the distribution of written materials must support the division's educational mission. This policy reflects a balanced approach that permits the distribution of school-related and education-aligned materials while maintaining clear content standards and viewpoint neutrality. By limiting the distribution of political materials and ensuring nondiscriminatory access for eligible nonprofit organizations, the School Board safeguards instructional focus and upholds compliance with applicable law.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The School Board shall permit written school-related materials to be carried home by students when such materials are prepared and/or sponsored by the school, a government agency, a school system official, an instructional staff member, the school system, the School Board, or a PTA organization, a booster club, or other school-related organization.

Nonprofit organizations may provide schools with information about their education-related activities and programs, which the schools will make available on a nondiscriminatory basis to students and their parents, to the extent practicable. Schools are not public forums or limited public forums, and the distribution of any nonprofit organizations' materials shall be incidental to the primary function of the schools. The subject matter of such materials and the methods for distribution on school property shall comply with the requirements of this policy and related regulations.

Materials distributed pursuant to this policy may not

1. Advocate the election or defeat of any candidate for elective office;
2. Advocate the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or

3. Advocate the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, General Assembly of Virginia, or the Congress of the United States.

This policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of the classroom discussions or projects or to prohibit the delivery of informational materials related to the school or curriculum.

Requests for exception to this policy shall be directed to the School Board by the Division Superintendent.

Legal reference: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-79.3

Cross References: See also the current version of
Regulation 1367, Distribution of Fliers or Other Informational Materials, Nonprofit Organizations' Access, and Procedures for Contests and Competitions

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