

PUBLICATIONS CODE

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District believes that student publications shall be free to exercise the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution. Schools are authorized to establish school newspapers, yearbooks, literary magazines, and other similar publications as they relate to the curricular or cocurricular programs.

Student editors are responsible for determining the content of their publications as long as it adheres to professional journalism standards and does not include material which is obscene, libelous, or creates a "clear and present danger" to the disruption of the school program, or commission of physical violence or unlawful acts on school premises, or the violation of school or District regulations, or discloses records or information which are confidential by law or District regulation, and held in the control of the school or District.

There shall be no prior restraint of material prepared for official school publications except insofar as it violates this policy. Advisers and administrators shall have the burden of showing justification without undue delay prior to any limitation of student expression.

It is the responsibility of the adviser to supervise the production of the publication, to teach and maintain professional standards of journalism, and to uphold this policy and related regulations.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Reference: Education Code Section 48907 and 48950

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