



1080 B

School Building

Public Information Displays

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Regulation is to establish directions for principals or site administrators in how they may implement the policy on display of third party publications for public information in the building(s) under their control. It is to be recognized by the principal or site administrator that the permissible use of school buildings for this purpose is, at best, an adjunct function of the District, and should at no time materially interfere with the primary purpose of the District to provide an excellent education for its students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION

- A. For any District building in which there is a K-12 school, the principal or site administrator has the authority to elect whether or not third party publications may be displayed in the building. Such election shall be made annually.
- B. If the principal or site-administrator elects to allow third party publications to be displayed in the building under his or her control, the principal or site administrator shall make sure that use of district resources shall be no more than a minimal and incidental burden on those resources.
- C. If the principal or site administrator elects to allow third parties to display publications for public information the principal or site administrator shall:
 1. Determine where such displays may be had, and may determine different locations for different purposes.
 2. Determine whether or not the subject matter of the publication is age appropriate for display in the school building given the students' ages and levels of maturity.
- D. Under no circumstances shall a principal or site administrator allow to be displayed third party publications that:
 1. are likely to cause disruption in the school;
 2. interfere with the district and school educational objectives;
 3. are obscene or libelous;
 4. are contrary to the curriculum adopted by the District;
 5. advertise a product or service not permitted to minors by law;
 6. campaign for or against an election candidate, or promote or oppose a ballot measure;
 7. promote or are hostile to any religion;



8. advertise fund-raising or contests for organizations other than the school, or school approved activities;
 9. advocate violence or other illegal activities;
 10. advertise non-school sanctioned activities that occur during the regularly scheduled student school day;
 11. advertise non-district sponsored or authorized K-12 education that occurs during the regularly scheduled student school day;
 12. advertise commercial products or services; or
 13. are likely to cause unlawful acts or the violations of district policies or school rules.
- E. If a principal or site administrator approves a third-party publication, the principal or site administrator must allow the display of third party publications on the same subject matter regardless of viewpoint, so long as the publication is not prohibited by the restrictions stated in ¶ I.C. above.
- F. A principal or site administrator may limit the number and amounts of any third party publications offered for display.
- G. A principal or site administrator may establish a reasonable length of time that a publication may be displayed. However, such time limit shall not constitute a guarantee that the publication will be displayed for the entire period.
- H. No third-party publications may be displayed without the prior approval of the principal or site administrator.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “third party publications” means those publications such as brochures, cards, business cards, newspapers, magazines, or other documents that are designed for the free distribution to the public. It does not mean those publications acquired by the school or individual teachers for the purposes of supporting the curriculum.
- B. “school buildings” means any building owned, rented, leased or used in whole or part for a Minneapolis Public School. For the purpose of this regulation a school includes grades kindergarten through twelve.