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**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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   SOLICITING OF STUDENTS**

The Medford Area Public School District's primary purpose is to provide quality education to its students. This requires that disruptions to that education be kept to a minimum and influences beyond that education be controlled by the board of education.

**CROSS REFERENCE: EB, ECAA, EFC, GBCA, GBCAA, GBG, GBI, IGDF, IGDH, IIBGD, &  
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**LEGAL REFERENCE:**



1. Material that contains obscene, profane or pornographic subject matter, determined by reference to the material's intended recipients;
2. Material that impinges upon the rights of other students or that encourages actions which endanger the health or safety of others;
3. Material that invades the privacy of others;
4. Material that incites or encourages illegal behavior;
5. Material that is primarily devoted to the advertisement of commercial products or services, when such products or services are not offered in connection with fund-raising or other activities by a nonprofit organization; and
6. Material that presents a reasonable probability that its distribution to students will substantially disrupt or materially interfere with the proper and orderly operation or discipline of the school or school sponsored activities.

#### B. Time, Place, and Manner of Distribution

The distribution or posting of material will generally be restricted to designated bulletin boards and areas provided in the school office. However, the district administrator or designee may establish additional or alternative uniform and reasonable time, place, and manner guidelines for the distribution of materials, taking into account the ages of pupils at a school and the physical layout of school premises. Time, place, and manner restrictions shall be designed to promote the orderly distribution of material while preventing disruptions of, or interference with, the school curriculum, the orderly ingress and egress from the school, the safe and efficient movement of persons on school premises and the orderly operation of the school.

#### C. Presentations to Students

Nonschool individuals and entities shall not be allowed to make face-to-face presentations of nonschool information to students in the classroom or other areas of the school. However, this policy does not apply to school-sponsored activities.

#### D. School Announcements

Announcements during the school day shall be limited to school-sponsored and school-related events and activities, with the following exception. Emergency cancellation of student events or activities that are not school-sponsored or school-related events may be announced when there are not reasonable alternative means of communicating with students regarding the cancellation including immediately before / after school.

#### E. Reservation of Authority

Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to restrict the district administrator or designee from establishing reasonable time, place, manner restrictions on a case-by-case basis so long as such restrictions are nondiscriminatory and viewpoint neutral.

Notwithstanding the standards set forth above, the board of education reserves the authority of its district administrator and designee(s) to prohibit or place restrictions upon the distribution of materials on school premises based upon pedagogical or educational concerns associated with a proposed distribution of materials.

#### F. Nondiscrimination and Nonendorsement

In administering this policy, school district officials, employees, and agents shall not discriminate between materials proposed for distribution on the basis that materials contain a viewpoint which represents a favored or disfavored point of view.

Permission to distribute materials is not an endorsement of an activity, person, organization, or the subject matter of the material by the school district or any of its officials, agents, or employees.