

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS MATERIAL

Individuals and groups of the South Lyon Community have the right to exercise their freedom of speech as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Recognizing this right, as well as the special characteristics of the school environment, the Board adopts this policy to establish standards to regulate the distribution of outside materials on district property. Permission to distribute outside material does not imply endorsement of the material's content by the district or its representatives.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent, or his/her designee, to approve or refuse the distribution of any materials by outside individuals or groups to students and/or employees of the district. No student shall be forced to participate in distribution of any non-school materials in the schools.

No advertising materials used for commercial purposes shall be permitted without prior approval of the superintendent or his/her designee. Criteria to be considered when determining whether to approve the distribution of commercial material include:

- The material may be distributed if it is related to the curriculum
- The material may be distributed if it relates to local events, i.e. Pumpkinfest, or student related Group I, II and III activities/events as defined in Board Policy 9250 Community Use of District Physical Resources.
- Except as provided for above, the material may not be distributed to promote a private business, product or service.
- The Superintendent, or his/her designee, may allow materials which have a religious content to be made available to students during non-instructional time. The time, place and manner in which religious materials are disseminated will be neutral, to ensure that students are aware that the materials are not being endorsed or sponsored by the district.

School Bond informational materials may be distributed in accordance with State guidelines. All other political campaign materials shall not be disseminated at school related activities or events. Such materials may be responsibly used in the classroom setting in order to further citizenship training and an understanding of our government and political processes. When used for educational purposes, campaign materials shall be used in a balanced manner, i.e. materials from a variety of candidates and political parties will be used.