

POLICY TITLE: Student Rights and Responsibilities - Press		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE:	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED: 7/8/1996	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED: 5/20/2002
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: Students		

School-Sponsored Publications

Student publications are guaranteed the First Amendment Right of Freedom of the Press. Students shall not publish:

1. Libelous materials by current legal definition
2. Obscene material by current legal definition
3. Materials which incite others to damage property or harm others
4. Materials which disrupt school activities or operations.

The responsibility and authority for decisions based on the standards mentioned above are vested with the principal or designee.

Nonschool-Sponsored Publications

The school administration and faculty shall protect the right of students to distribute student-produced publications not having school sponsorship. However, distribution of any printed material that is considered libelous, obscene, disruptive to school operations, or any hate literature is prohibited. Students may be restricted as to the time and place of distribution. The rights of students to distribute school-sponsored and nonschool-sponsored material must be protected equally pending the approval of the principal or designee. Students have the right to appeal the principal's decision through the grievance process.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Patricia L. Skebeck, Secretary and Treasurer
Board of Education of Harford County

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