

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities

A. Advertising and Posting or Distributing Materials or Literature in P.A.E.C. Schools or on P.A.E.C. Grounds

P.A.E.C. has not established an open forum for the distribution of advertising, material or literature by non-school related individuals or entities. No advertising, material or literature shall be posted or distributed by a non-school related individual, group, company, or community-based organization that would: (1) disrupt the educational process, (2) violate the rights or invade the privacy of others, (3) infringe on a trademark or copyright, (4) be defamatory, obscene, vulgar, or indecent, or (5) advance or oppose religion or related interests except as set forth in Section D below, (6) advance or oppose a political agenda, interest or candidate except as set forth in Section D below. In all respects, it is the intent of the Governing Board that the content of any advertising, material or literature distributed by non-school related individuals or entities be limited and in accordance with this Policy, be neither controversial nor disruptive, and be appropriate to the mission of P.A.E.C. and P.A.E.C.'s pedagogical concerns.

B. Community, Educational, Charitable, or Recreational Organizations

Also subject to Section A above, community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may, under procedures established by the Executive Director, advertise events pertinent to students' interests or involvement. This may include displaying posters in areas reserved for community posters, having flyers distributed to students, or being included in the school's or Cooperative's website where appropriate. All material and literature must be student-oriented and have the sponsoring organization's name prominently displayed.

C. Commercial Companies and Political Candidates or Parties

Commercial companies and political candidates or organizations are prohibited from advertising, posting, or distributing materials in P.A.E.C. schools, on P.A.E.C. grounds, or on P.A.E.C.'s websites.

D. Religion or Political Materials

Material that advances or opposes religion or related interests, or advances or opposes a political agenda, interest, or candidate, will not be accepted for posting or distribution, except when used as part of the curriculum.

LEGAL REF.:

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993).

Berger v. Rensselaer Central Sch. Corp., 982 F.2d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), *cert. denied*, 113 S.Ct. 2344 (1993).

Sherman v. Community Consolidated Sch. Dist. 21, 8 F.3d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), *cert. denied*, 8 F.3d 1160 (1994).

Hedges v. Wauconda Community Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

Victory Through Jesus Sports Ministry v. Lee's Summit R-7 Sch. Dist., 640 F.3d 329 (8th Cir. 2011), *cert. denied*, 565 U.S. 1036 (2011).

DiLoreto v. Downey Unified Sch. Dist., 196 F.3d 958 (9th Cir. 1999).

CROSS REF.: 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access)

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Proviso Area for Exceptional Children (P.A.E.C.)
