

Salinas Union High School District

SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

1. Student editors shall be held responsible for assigning and editing the content of school publications, subject to the following parameters for the printing of:
 - a. Factual articles dealing with topics of interest to student writers.
 - b. Opinions on any acceptable topic, whether school related or not, which student writers feel are of interest to themselves or to the readers.
2. The teacher(s) and/or journalism adviser(s) shall be responsible for the instruction in the elements of journalism and supervision of materials produced by students that will maintain:
 - a. The highest professional standards of English grammar and journalistic writing style.
 - b. Verification of facts and quotes.
 - c. Space for rebuttals to editorials on controversial issues, in the same issue if possible, but otherwise not later than the following issue.
 - d. Publication free from prohibited materials, which include:
 - 1). Material which is obscene according to current standards of this school community.
 - 2). Material which is defamatory or violates a person's privacy rights.
 - 3). Material which is profane, vulgar, or sexually suggestive which is defined as language or material which would not normally be printed in the following newspapers: Salinas Californian, Monterey County Herald and San Jose Mercury.
 - 4). Material advocating the violation of any law, school rules or regulations.
 - 5). Advertisements for cigarettes, liquor or any other product not permitted by teenagers.
 - 6). Material which would cause substantial disruption of school operation, defined as a threat of physical violence in the school or nearby community.
 - 7). Material which would violate any applicable copyright or trademark laws.
 - 8). Material advocating or promoting gang membership or use of drugs.
3. Determination of appropriateness of written materials shall be the primary responsibility of the teacher(s) or adviser(s) who shall, with no prior restraint, review each article in accordance with the provisions of this policy. The school principal or designee may also review materials prior to publication. Censorship of materials, except for reasons specifically listed herein, is prohibited. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to permit censoring any article because it is controversial or because it criticizes a particular school, or school procedure or the district.

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Instruction

Regulation #6145.3

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4. In cases of disagreement as to whether an article should be printed, the decision of the principal or designee shall be final, subject to student appeal through regular channels of authority in the school and district.