

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REGULATIONS

I. General Guidelines.

Informational materials and announcements may be distributed or displayed on school premises except expression which:

1. Is obscene to minors. "Obscene to minors" is defined as:
 - The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to the wanton or lascivious interest of minors of the age to whom distribution is requested;
 - The material depicts or describes, in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning how such conduct should be presented to minors of the age to whom distribution is requested, sexual conduct such as intimate sexual acts (normal or perverted), masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
 - The material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.
2. Is libelous;
3. Contains indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd language;
4. Advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
5. Constitutes insulting or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses other people (e.g., threats of violence, defamation of character or of a person's race, religion, gender, disability, age or ethnic origin);
6. Presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or the manner of distribution, it will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations. "Material and substantial disruption" of a normal school activity is defined as follows:
 - Where the normal school activity is an educational program of the district for which student attendance is compulsory, "material and substantial disruption" is defined as any disruption which interferes with or impedes the implementation of that program.
 - Where the normal school activity is voluntary in nature (including, without limitation, school athletic events, school plays and concerts, and lunch periods), "material and substantial disruption" is defined as student rioting, unlawful seizures of property, widespread shouting or boisterous demonstration, sit-in, stand-in, walk-out, or other related forms of activity.

II. Display and distribution of Printed Informational Materials and Announcements by Governmental Agencies, Parent Teacher Associations, and booster groups or parent organizations directly affiliated with a Clinton Community School District co-curricular activity.

Procedures:

- The above organizations shall be permitted to distribute printed informational material and announcements directly to students every six (6) weeks through take-home folder (elementary schools) or displayed in areas designated by the building administrator (secondary schools).

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- School staff will designate one school day each week of each month (August through May) for the distribution of printed informational material and announcements.
- All informational material and announcements must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for approval ten days preceding distribution or display.
- All approved informational material and announcements for distribution must be collated into bundles determined by the superintendent's assistant and delivered to the superintendent's office preceding distribution or display.
- Informational material and announcements that are not approved or delivered by the specified dates may not be distributed or displayed.
- The district will not guarantee a specific date for the distribution or display of approved informational materials and announcements.
- Informational materials and announcements on display may be removed from display areas periodically.

III. Display and distribution of Printed Informational Material and Announcements by Community organizations or businesses.

Procedures:

- Community organizations or businesses shall be permitted to display printed informational materials and announcements during school registration, back-to-school events, and parent-teacher conferences on tables designated by the building administrator.
- Anyone wishing to distribute unofficial written material must first submit for approval a copy of the material to the Superintendent of Schools at least ten days in advance of desired distribution time, along with the following information:
 1. Name of the organization submitting the request;
 2. Name and phone number of a contact person within the organization;
 3. Date(s) of day of intended display or distribution;
 4. School at which the material will be displayed or distributed;
 5. The grade(s) of students to whom the display or distribution is intended.
- All information material and announcements must be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11.
- All approved informational material and announcements must be collated into stacks of no more than 30 items and delivered to the superintendent's office at least one week prior to the desired distribution or display.
- The material shall be distributed from a table set up for the purpose in a location designated by the principal, which location shall not block the safe flow of traffic or block the corridors or entrance ways, but which shall give reasonable access to students and parents.

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- Materials provided for distribution or display by organizations or businesses shall include the disclaimer, “These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Clinton Community School District.”
- Informational material and announcements that are not approved or delivered by the specified dates may not be distributed or displayed.
- Community organizations or businesses may not “staff” the display or in any manner physically distribute informational materials and announcements.
- Informational materials and announcements on display will be removed from display areas at the conclusion of school registration, back-to-school events, or parent-teacher conferences.
- Community organizations or businesses may ask periodically for announcements to be addressed in each building over the intercom system. Announcements may run up to five (5) days prior to an event.
- Informational materials may be referenced in monthly school electronic newsletters or email notifications to parents with approval from the superintendent. This information will need to be submitted no later than the twentieth (20th) of each month from September to May.