

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY PUPILS AND STAFF

Material being sent home with pupils should relate to school matters or pupil-related community activities. Except when it pertains to the individual pupil, all such material must be approved in advance by the chief school administrator/designee.

Pupils shall not be used to distribute partisan materials or partisan information pertaining to a school or general election, budget or bond issue, or negotiations. Pupils shall not be exploited for the benefit of any individual, group, or profit-making organization.

No staff member may distribute any materials on school property without prior approval of the chief school administrator.

All surveys, questionnaires or other similar items requiring pupil or parent/guardian response shall be reviewed and approved by the chief school administrator prior to distribution. The chief school administrator shall solicit written permission from parents/guardians before students participate in surveys or research that requests personal information as set out in federal law.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
N.J.S.A. 19:34-6 Obstructing or interfering with polling place or voter
N.J.S.A. 19:34-15 Electioneering within or about polling place; misdemeanor
34 CFR 98.1 - Pupil Protection Rights Amendment
Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

Cross References: *1100 Communicating with the public
1315 Distribution of materials to pupils and staff
*1322 Contests for pupils
4135.16 Work stoppages/strikes
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*5136 Fund-raising activities
*6142.10 Technology
*6145.3 Publications
6162.5 Research

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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