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Section	5000 Students
Title	School Sponsored Publications and Productions
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The Board of Education may sponsor student publications and productions as means by which students learn, under adult direction, the rights and responsibilities of public expression in a free society.

For purposes of this policy, "publications" shall include any audio, visual, or written materials such as tapes, banners, films, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, books, or other like materials. "Productions" shall include theatrical performances as well as impromptu dramatic presentations.

Such publications and productions also play a vital role in the school program by:

- A. interpreting students and the school to the community;*
- B. serving as a public relations media;*
- C. developing skills in communicating via the mass media;*
- D. developing acceptable methods for preserving the constitutional provision of free speech.*

In sponsoring a student publication or production, the Board is mindful of the fact that it could be available to any student attending this school, and must, therefore, generally be suitable for all students.

Issues on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion may be introduced in a school-sponsored publication provided equal opportunity is given to present each view and provided further that the material generally is acceptable to this community.

Advertising is permitted in school newspapers, yearbooks, programs, etc. which are published by student organizations. Permission should be given by the principal.

The Board reserves the right to designate and prohibit the publications or productions which are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others. Such unprotected materials are those which:

- A. are grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, religious, racial, or other delineated group;*
- B. libel any specific person or persons;*
- C. seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view over any other religious denomination, sect, or point of view;*
- D. advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material which may reasonably be believed to:*

- 1. constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;*

2. contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable students who may receive them; and,

3. incite violence, advocate the use of force or urge the violation of law or school regulations.

The Board also prohibits publications and productions which:

A. fail to identify the student or organization responsible for distribution;

B. solicit funds for non-school organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board;

C. promote, favor, or oppose any candidate for election to the Board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any election.

The decision as whether or not something is published or produced shall be made by the advisor with appeal to the principal and Superintendent.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Procedure Name: School Sponsored Publications	
Procedure No. 5722-01-01	Eff. Date:
Implements Board Policy(ies) 5722	Last Reviewed: May 18, 2018

1. Background

This policy speaks to the possibility of the Board of Education to sponsor student publications and productions as means by which students learn, under adult direction, the rights and responsibilities of public expression in a free society.

For purposes of this policy, "publications" shall include any audio, visual, or written materials such as tapes, banners, films, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, books, or other like materials. "Productions" shall include theatrical performances as well as impromptu dramatic presentations.

These publications align to the curricular programs supported and promoted by the Office of Curriculum.

2. Responsibilities

Title: Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Address: 2651 Burnet Avenue, 45219
Phone: 513-363-0127

Describe responsibilities:

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction shall be responsible for maintaining an efficient process for how curriculum initiatives are deemed necessary to the continuing growth of the instructional program and to better ensure accomplishment of the District's educational goals, recurring progress reports, as well as participation in programs of education research.

3. Action Steps

Schools own the right to share program updates to their stakeholders. The office of Curriculum will share resources and support to promote their curricular programs.

4. Equity Considerations

Describe any equity considerations relevant to the implementation of this policy.

Equal representation of school programs and student population both internally and to the surrounding community.

5. Related Documents / Forms

Document Title	Description	Last Reviewed
None to include.		

6. Additional Information

None to include.