

# POLICY

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Rochester, Michigan 48307

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## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student publications are an important element of the instructional program and contribute directly to the accomplishments of the District goals. The Board of Education, therefore, supports the development of student-produced school newspapers, annuals, and magazines.

Freedom of speech and of expression in student publications as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is to be observed by the administration and faculty. It is incumbent upon the professional staff to define the limits of responsible journalism and speech.

Freedom of expression in the schools shall be interpreted to include the development of student responsibility in distinguishing between freedom and license, the consideration by the faculty of the maturity levels of students and of appropriate standards of journalistic taste, and the care for the development of skills of written expression among students.

Students may not use obscenities, slanderous or libelous statements or advocate violation of the law or school regulations in district or school publications.

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