

<b>Students</b>	<b>Section J:</b>		
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**STUDENT RIGHTS**

The student shall be allowed to responsibly express himself and to disseminate his views in writing.<sup>1</sup>

Any student may submit articles and editorials for school-sponsored publications.

**STANDARDS**

School-sponsored publications shall adhere to commonly accepted community standards, and no printed or electronic material may be distributed which:

1. Is obscene;<sup>3</sup>
2. Is libelous;<sup>4</sup>
3. May create a material and substantial disruption of the normal school activity or appropriate discipline in the school.

**CONTROL AND SUPERVISION**

Student publications shall be under the control of the principal. Each school shall have one or more faculty sponsors who review all publications proposed to be distributed in the school by a student or school group.<sup>2</sup>

**DISTRIBUTION**

School authorities shall regulate the time, manner, place and duration for the distribution of publications on school grounds.

As it pertains to the school, distribution shall be defined as any manner of disseminating printed or electronic materials equally, systematically or merely at random to several or many persons on school grounds.

**APPEALS**

If a request for distributing any portion of a student publication is denied by the faculty sponsor, the decision may be appealed to the principal, then to the Director of Schools, and ultimately to the Board.

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4. Schwartz v. Schuker, 298 F. Supp. 238, 242 (D.C.N.Y. 1969).
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