

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: JICE

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

School-Sponsored Publications

The Board encourages students to express their views in school-sponsored publications, but they must observe rules for responsible journalism. Libelous statements, obscenity, defamation of persons, false statements, material advocating racial or religious prejudice, hatred, violence, the breaking of laws and school regulations, or material designed to disrupt the educational process will not be permitted.

The Board also encourages school-sponsored publications as an educational activity through which students can gain experience in reporting, writing, editing, printing, and an understanding of responsible journalism. The sponsors of student publications have a responsibility to review the contents of these papers before publication and to assist students in improving their skills, their modes of expression, and to recognize material that is in poor taste, misleading, false, ill-advised, prejudiced, and even libelous.

Distribution of Literature

Students shall enjoy constitutional rights to the distribution of literature on school grounds and in school buildings, except that building principals may prohibit the distribution of a specific publication for the reasons stated in the first paragraph above. The principal may require that no literature be distributed unless a copy is submitted in advance.

The school shall retain the right to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of such distribution of literature.

Adopted: 1/20/98