

# Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5145.2

## Freedom of Speech/Expression

\*\*\*Note: The following regulation should be revised as desired to reflect district practice. It is recommended that districts consult legal counsel when establishing restrictions or "time, place and manner" provisions related to students' rights to free speech/expression. \*\*\*

### Distribution of Printed Materials and Petitions by Students

The principal or designee may provide bulletin boards on which students and student organizations may post materials of general interest. Students also may post or distribute handbills, leaflets and other printed material, whether produced within or outside of the school. Students may collect signatures on petitions concerning school or nonschool issues.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

\*\*\*Note: Districts might consider requiring students to include a disclaimer on all materials to be distributed. For example, a disclaimer might state that "this event is not school-sponsored or approved" or that "opinions are not necessarily those of the school district or school personnel." Districts wishing to include disclaimer language should consult legal counsel as appropriate. \*\*\*

Printed materials or petitions may be distributed only:

1. Before or after school or during lunch time
2. In locations that do not obstruct the normal flow of traffic within school or at entrances

No student shall use coercion to induce students or any other persons to accept printed matter or to sign petitions. No funds shall be collected for any material distributed.

### Clothing, Buttons and Badges

Buttons, badges, armbands and clothing bearing slogans or sayings may be worn unless their message falls into the categories prohibited by law and Governing Board policy. No employee shall interfere with this practice on the grounds that the message may be unpopular with students or faculty.

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

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