

### USE OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

One of the strongest links of communications between the school district and the public is the pupil in the classroom. Failure to provide parents with appropriate information may lead to misinformation about the schools.

It is the responsibility of the school administration to see that information regarding school activities, programs, and organizations is properly disseminated to parents.

The school administration shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the use of the students as couriers is limited to carrying information about the school system, or a particular school, except as specifically provided in the following paragraph. School information may include publications, newsletters, notices, or other printed matter published under the name of the school district, the individual school, or the recognized parent/teacher group.

Students may serve as couriers for information generated by non-school organizations, subject to the following conditions:

1. The information clearly states that it is not school-sponsored;
2. The sponsor of the information/activity is a non-profit organization and/or the activity is student-related, and would not otherwise be available to them;
3. The school board, or its agents, reserves the right to refuse any request for distribution of such information, on a case by case basis, and;
4. The distribution of such information is subject to prior approval by the principal.

Information published by the school district, individual school, employee organizations or unions, recognized parent/teacher groups, or non-school groups which advocates a particular position on bond issues, political matters, labor relations issues, or school district budgets will not be distributed through the use of students as couriers. Partisan political information of any nature will not be distributed through the schools. General information pertaining to town and school elections may be distributed.

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