

ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Local School Organization and Administration

Distribution of Materials

This policy supersedes Policy 1365.3

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for distribution of written materials.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

A. In section III., “a government agency” has been added.

B. In section III., state law prohibition against distribution of advocacy materials, has been added.

C. In section III., language has been added to clarify acceptable materials for distribution.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

The School Board shall permit written school-related materials to be carried home by students when such materials are prepared and/or sponsored by the school, a government agency, a school system official, an instructional staff member, the school system, the School Board, or a PTA organization, a booster club, or other school-related organization.

Nonprofit organizations may provide schools with information about their education-related activities and programs, which the schools will make available on a nondiscriminatory basis to students and their parents, to the extent practicable. Schools are not public forums or limited public forums, and the distribution of any nonprofit organizations’ materials shall be incidental to the primary function of the schools. The subject matter of such materials and the methods for distribution on school property shall comply with the requirements of this policy and related regulations.

Materials distributed pursuant to this policy may not 1) advocate the election or defeat of any candidate for elective office; 2) advocate the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or 3) advocate the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, or the General Assembly of Virginia or the Congress of the United States.

This policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of the classroom discussions or projects or to prohibit the delivery of informational materials related to the school or curriculum.

Requests for exception to this policy shall be directed to the Board by the Division Superintendent.

Legal reference: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-79.3

Policy

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