

**STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

A school newspaper can best function when it provides a full opportunity for students to inquire, question, and exchange ideas. Articles should reflect all areas of student interest, including topics about which there may be dissent and controversy. It is the intent of the Board that students be provided with avenues for the research of ideas and causes of interest to them, and be allowed to express their opinions. Controversial subjects should be presented in depth with a variety of viewpoints published.

The normal requirements for responsible journalism will apply to student publications.

The faculty sponsor for the publication has responsibility for guiding the student staff in its work and authority to require editorial changes in material that does not meet the dictates of responsible journalism.

In order to protect the educational process and school environment, official school publications shall meet the following criteria.

1. Material shall not be libelous.
2. Material shall not advocate illegal actions.
3. Material shall not contain false statements or innuendoes that would subject any person to hatred, ridicule, contempt, or injury of reputation.
4. Material shall not contain profanity, hereby defined as that language which would not be used in the Sheridan Press.
5. Material shall not imminently threaten to disrupt the educational process of the school.
6. Material shall not advocate action that would endanger or be detrimental to the health, education, welfare, safety or morals of students.
7. Material shall bear the name of the author principally involved in the promotion of the material or the name of the sponsoring student organization.

Public complaints about a statement or statements will follow proper channels beginning with the faculty sponsor and in accordance with the policy on public complaints (Policy KL and KLB).