

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY PUPILS AND STAFF

Materials being sent home with pupils should relate to school matters or pupil-related community activities. Except when it pertains to the individual pupil, all such material must be approved in advance by the superintendent.

Pupils shall not be used to distribute partisan materials or partisan information pertaining to a school or general election, budget or bond issue, or negotiations. Pupils shall not be exploited for the benefit of any individual, group, or profit-making organization.

No staff member may distribute any materials on school property without prior approval of the superintendent.

All surveys, questionnaires or other similar items requiring pupil or parent/guardian response shall be reviewed and approved by the superintendent prior to distribution. The superintendent shall solicit written permission from parents/guardians before students participate in surveys or research that requests personal information as set out in federal law.

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Legal References

- : N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or other public question to be submitted at election;
N.J.S.A. 19:34-6 Obstructing or interfering with polling place or voter
N.J.S.A. 19:34-15 Electioneering within or about polling place; misdemeanor
- 34 CFR 98.1 Pupil Protection Rights Amendment
- Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

Possible Cross References:

- *1100 Communicating with the public
- 1315 Distribution of materials to pupils and staff
- *1322 Contests for pupils
- 4135.16 Work stoppages/strikes
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- *5136 Fund-raising activities
- *6145.3 Publications
- *6162.5 Research

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.