

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

Students and employees of the school division are to be protected from intrusions on their time by announcements, posters, bulletins and communications of any kind from individuals and organizations not directly connected with the schools. Neither students nor staff shall be required to convey or deliver any material which publicly endorses or supports groups or organizations involved in a commercial endeavor for profit or political campaigns, including, but not limited to material that: (1) advocates the election or defeat of any candidate; (2) advocates the passage or defeat of any referendum question or (3) advocates the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly or Congress. Any materials that are distributed or made available in the schools, or on school property shall be approved in advance by the superintendent or his/her designee. The superintendent or his/her designee may regulate the time, place and manner of such distribution except when related to the instructional program or a voluntary forum or seminar held by students. Materials may not be distributed in classrooms, the media center, or other instructional spaces during the school day. Except when the distribution is related to the instructional program, materials may not be distributed during class time.

This Policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussion or projects or to prohibit the delivery of information materials.

If doubt exists at this level as to whether distribution should be made, permission shall be denied until disposition of the matter is made by the School Board.

Adopted: October 12, 2004

Legal Refs.: U. S. Constitution amend. I.

20 U.S.C. 4071, *et seq.*

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.3, 22.1-131, and 22.1-293(B-D).

Cross Refs.: KFA Special Interest Materials
KFB Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
KG Community Use of School Facilities