

# POLICY

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Students

## **SUBJECT: NON-SCHOOL-SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS**

Publications or handbills produced by School District students without school sponsorship may be distributed within the school according to the following procedure:

- a) They must include the name of the sponsoring organization and/or individual.
- b) A time and place for the distribution must be set cooperatively with the principal.
- c) A copy must be given to the Principal at least 24 hours before its distribution.
- d) The publication or handbill shall contain this phrase: "This publication is not approved by the Vestal Central School District and the opinions expressed herein are not those of the Vestal Central School District or its personnel."
- e) If the Principal finds that the publication, either by its content or by the manner of distribution:
  1. contains libelous or obscene language;
  2. may incite persons to do illegal acts;
  3. is insulting to any group or individuals;
  4. will constitute an invasion of the rights of others;
  5. will cause violence or disorder; or
  6. he/she can reasonably forecast that distribution to students will interfere with the proper and orderly operation and/or discipline in the school,

The Principal shall notify the sponsors of the publication that distribution may not be started, or must stop. The Principal shall state the reason for his/her decision. In the event the sponsoring organization is dissatisfied with the decision of the principal, it shall have the right to appeal the principal's determination to the Superintendent of Schools/designee pursuant to a written notice of appeal which must be filed with the Superintendent of Schools/designee within ten (10) days of the date of the principal's decision. The Superintendent of Schools/designee shall render a decision on the appeal within ten (10) days of his/her receipt of the written Notice of Appeal. If the sponsoring organization is unsatisfied with the determination of the Superintendent of Schools/designee, it shall have the right to file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Education within ten (10) days of the date of determination made by the Superintendent of Schools/designee.

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