

The Board of Education of the School District of Slinger recognizes that the free exchange of ideas, writings and information is essential to a democracy and to a well-informed citizenry. However, because of the importance of the Board's role in ensuring a quality education for the students within its care, as well as its responsibility to maintain order and discipline in the schools, and its obligation to make available to students that information which is appropriate to their age and life experiences, certain restrictions on the dissemination of information are necessary.

Therefore, the Board determines that any non-school information proposed to be promulgated to students under the supervision of the School District of Slinger—whether such information is oral or written—must be made in accordance with the following rules:

1. Only information from the following groups may be disseminated in any of the schools of the School District of Slinger:
 - a. Recognized and established youth activity groups
 - b. Non-profit, taxpayer supported, or governmental organizations
2. Written information disseminated by any group, which is intended to be individually received by a student (such as a flyer or similar type of handout) must have written on it, in a distinctive typeface and prominent location, the following legend.

“This material is being disseminated for informational purposes only and does not reflect the views of, nor is it necessarily endorsed by, the School District of Slinger, its administration or faculty.”

The organization making the request shall be responsible for printing the above-stated legend.
3. Information, which is not intended to be individually received by students (such as announcements, posters), may, in the discretion of the principal or other district administrative officials, be required to contain the foregoing legend.
4. Information which any person or entity wishes to disseminate to any students within the School District of Slinger shall first be submitted to the principal of the school in which such children are in attendance for approval by such principal. No information may be disseminated without such approval. The principal may consult with the District superintendent, or with such other administrative officials of the School District of Slinger, as deemed appropriate. Any information, which the principal and/or other

district officials deem to be obscene, defamatory or likely to cause discord or disruption in the school's educational processes, may not be distributed in any form to the students.

5. Only information, which is deemed appropriate for the age group of students by whom it is likely to be received, may be disseminated. The decision of the principal and/or other district administrative officials shall be conclusive on this issue.
6. Information to be disseminated to students shall be informational and factual in nature only (ex. statement or announcement regarding date, time, and place of a meeting or activity). No information shall be disseminated to students, which is intended to promote particular views or values, which, in the opinion of the principal or other members of the administration, are contrary to generally, accepted social norms of the school community.
7. Information, which is not intended to be sent home individually with students shall only be distributed by placing it in an area or areas, designated within each school building as an "information area" by the administration or principal of such building. The administration shall have the right to limit the quantities and display formats of such information to preserve neatness and order. No information may be disseminated within any of the buildings or grounds of the School District of Slinger at any other location. In the case of printed information deemed to have special or unusual value to students, the district administration or principal of the school may, in their discretion, allow display of selected information at other locations in the school.
8. Non-students will not be allowed on school property at any time, without permission from the principal of the building or other district administrative officials, for purposes of disseminating any information.
9. Information disseminated in violation of these rules may be seized and destroyed.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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