

**Distribution of Materials by Students**

Printed materials may be distributed to parents by students as inexpensive means of mass communications. At the same time this procedure can prove objectionable to parents and the school district if overdone.

To provide the most effective use of this technique without exploitation of staff or students, the Superintendent or his/her designee may approve such distribution provided that:

1. The materials relate to the school, community, local recreational or civic activities.
2. The materials do not relate to any religious belief or activity, or promote private gain, or political position.
3. The materials do not promote any political party or candidate.

All requests from groups or individuals to have students distribute materials to people in the community, with the exception of requests from school-connected organizations like parent-teacher organizations or Board appointed citizens' ad hoc advisory committees, will be referred to the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration, or his/her designee, to determine whether the requests comply with overall school purposes and policy.

Notwithstanding the above paragraph, when the town council approves a referendum, all materials relating to that referendum shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee to ensure compliance with Connecticut General Statute 9-369b.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 9-369b - Explanatory text relating to local questions.

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