

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POLICY

No. G-9

Amended: March 11, 2009

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MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLS

The Board of Education believes that it is not incumbent upon the district or schools to distribute materials and information on behalf of outside individuals, groups or agencies. The Board of Education approves of the use of print or electronic materials which relate to and supplement already approved educational materials for students.

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REGULATIONS

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1. Any group wishing to distribute materials through the schools must receive permission from the Principal or Superintendent or Designate. School principals may approve the posting in the schools of information which promotes or advertises the activities of groups where it is deemed to be in the best interests of students.
2. Organizations that are permitted to publicize their activities in schools are usually non-profit and offer services or programs of educational value to district's students.
3. Any such advertising material and/or activity shall not be of a commercial, political, religious or partisan nature.
4. Students may not be used as the agents for distributing any non-school related materials to the homes without the approval of the Board of Education.
5. The Board of Education requires staff to obtain the prior approval of the Superintendent before distributing union/political information on school property during school hours to parents or through students as couriers. The Superintendent will review the information for its accuracy and its relevance to educational matters concerning students. In determining the appropriateness of the materials for distribution, there must be a consideration of the balancing of rights and measures that may be taken to minimally limit the staffs' right of free speech while at the same time achieving the objectives of the school district. Should a union/political communication be approved by the Superintendent for distribution through students, such communication must be in a sealed envelope and clearly addressed to the parent/guardian. Furthermore, the communication itself must clearly identify the author and/or the organization from which it is coming from.