

Dickson County Board of Education

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1 **STUDENT RIGHTS**

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3 The student shall be allowed to responsibly express himself/herself and to disseminate his/her views in
4 writing. (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1)

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6 Any student may submit articles and editorials for school-sponsored publications.

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8 **STANDARDS**

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10 School-sponsored publications shall adhere to commonly accepted community standards, and no printed
11 material may be distributed which:

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13 1. Is obscene (Shnley v. Northwest Ind. School District, 462 F. 2d 960, 970-71, 5th Cir., 1971)
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15 2. Is libelous (Schwartz v. Schuker, 298 F. Supp. 238, 242 (D.C.N.Y. 1969)
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17 3. May create a material and substantial disruption of the normal school activity or appropriate discipline
18 in the school. (Braxton v. Municipal Ct. 10 Cal 3d 138)

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20 **CONTROL AND SUPERVISION**

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22 Student publications shall be under the control of the principal. Each school shall have a faculty sponsor
23 who reviews all publications proposed to be distributed in the school by a student or school group.
24 (Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

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26 **DISTRIBUTION**

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28 School authorities shall regulate the time, manner, place and duration for the distribution of publications
29 on school grounds.

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31 As it pertains to the school, distribution shall be defined as any manner of disseminating written or printed
32 materials equally, systematically or merely at random to several or many persons on school grounds.

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34 **APPEALS**

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36 If a request for distributing any portion of a student publication is denied by the faculty sponsor, the
37 decision may be appealed to the principal, then to the Director of Schools, and ultimately to the Board.

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