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DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

The Charlottesville City School Board seeks to minimize intrusions on the time of students and employees from sources other than the school division. To that end, the School Division will limit the distribution of information/materials from outside groups. Only parent-teacher organizations, booster clubs supporting school-sponsored student activities, and non-school governmental organizations may apply for permission to have materials distributed by school employees. PTOs and booster clubs must apply to the school principal for permission to have materials distributed. Non-school governmental organizations must apply to the division superintendent or his/her designee.

Approval will not be given for materials which

- Are likely to cause substantial disruption of, or a material interference with, school activities;
- Endorse or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal substance or action;
- Endorse or encourage any violation of the Standards of Student Conduct (see); or
- Are obscene, pornographic, or inflammatory.

The superintendent, by regulation, will establish the time, place, and manner of distribution of approved materials.

Political Communications

Students shall not be required to convey or deliver any material that advocates (1) the election or defeat of any candidate; (2) the passage or defeat of any referendum question; or (3) the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly, or Congress.

This policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussions or projects.

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Legal References: U.S. Constitution amend. I.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc. v. Montgomery County Public Schools, 457 F.3d 376 (4th Cir. 2006).

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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78,
22.1-79.3,
22.1-131, and 22.1-293(B-D).