

# Downey Unified School District

## STUDENTS

### STUDENT SELF-EXPRESSION

AR 2330

#### Circulation of Petitions, Circulars, Newspapers, and Other Printed Matter

Students of the Downey Unified School District are permitted to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Distribution is subject to the following limitations:

1. Time

The time of distribution shall be limited to the hours before school excluding the ten minutes prior to the beginning of school, during the snack and lunch periods excluding passing time, and one-half hour after school is dismissed.

2. Place

The place of distribution shall be one designated location in the central area of the campus and must not restrict the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

3. Manner

The manner of distribution shall be such that:

- a. All material is clearly labeled as to authority, sponsorship, publisher or republisher, and distributing students or groups of students.
- b. Coercion is not used to induce students to accept the printed matter or to sign petitions.
- c. Funds or donations are not collected for the material distributed unless authorized by the Education Code.
- d. Leaflets and printed material to be distributed are submitted to the principal or designee for certification that they comply with established regulations at least 24 hours prior to such distribution. The official may limit the number of different materials distributed in any one day to prevent the disruption of the educational process.
- e. Materials printed for distribution are not left undistributed or stacked for pickup while unattended at any place in the school or on the school grounds.

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##### 3. Manner - continued

- f. No printed materials or petitions which violate the hereinafter listed prohibitions are distributed at any time on school grounds.

#### Forums

Each school will designate a supervised area at lunch periods (excluding passing times) in which students of the school may discuss, with propriety and the accepted norm of public behavior on school campuses, issues the students desire to discuss which do not violate hereinafter listed prohibitions, or issues legally prohibited from the curriculum. Each school shall establish appropriate rules and regulations for the utilization and control of this area. All speakers not students of the school must have prior administrative authorization to participate in any specified school activity.

#### Buttons, Badges, and Other Insignia of Symbolic Expression

Students may wear buttons, badges, armbands, and other insignia as a form of expression subject to the hereinafter mentioned prohibitions.

#### Bulletin Boards

1. Each school administration shall be responsible for providing outdoor bulletin space for posting student announcements.
2. Student announcements shall contain the stamped date the announcement is posted and the stamped date it is to be removed. Such announcements shall be removed under regulations as prescribed by the student council to assure fair access to bulletin boards for all students.
3. Announcements posted shall be subject to the hereinafter mentioned prohibitions as well as the regulations covering the MANNER of distribution of petitions, circulars, newspapers, and other printed matter.

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Prohibited Material

1. Material which is vulgar or profane according to current legal definitions as applied to minors.
2. Material which is libelous according to current legal definitions.
3. Material which incites students, or expresses or advocates racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice so as to create a clear and present danger of imminent commission of unlawful acts or of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
4. Commercial material or material which is sold or for which there is solicitation without prior approval of the Board of Education or its designated representative.
5. Material which is distributed in violation of the time, place, and manner requirements.

Disciplinary Action

Any student who willfully and knowingly

1. Distributes any petitions, circulars, newspapers, and other printed matter,
2. Uses the Forum,
3. Wears any buttons, badges, or other insignia,
4. Posts any item on a bulletin board

in violation of the prescribed regulations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures which may include suspension or expulsion, depending upon the severity of the violation.