

Policy

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

The Frenchtown Board of Education is committed to providing a focused educational environment that supports student achievement. While the board supports the freedom of speech and values the constructive input from interested community members and groups, the school is not a public forum for all organizations or citizens to promote their particular cause. The board is obligated to protect the students and staff of this district from materials that have the potential to disrupt or interfere with the educational program. Therefore the board directs the superintendent or his or her designee to review and approve all materials from special interest groups, parent/guardians, citizens, and political, religious or other nonschool groups submitted for distribution to the staff and students before such material may be distributed or displayed in or through the school.

Hard copy distribution of flyers shall not permitted without the approval of the superintendent. The Frenchtown PTO is exempt from this requirement.

Any request to post materials on the district's virtual backpack shall only include materials related to school matters or activities in or of interest to the Frenchtown community.

Groups from the Frenchtown community shall be permitted to request the posting of flyers on the district's website, but are restricted to groups which provide programming for students.

This policy shall not apply to routine Parent-Teacher Organization notices.

The superintendent shall approve or disapprove all flyers for distribution.

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Key Words

Flyers, Distribution of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Advertisements

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. Public School Contracts Law
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 Contracts and agreements requiring advertising
through -4.4
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-34 Written approval required prior to acquisition of certain
survey information from students
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or
other public question be submitted at election; prohibited
N.J.S.A. 19:34-6 Prohibited actions in polling place on Election Day,
exception for simulated voting
N.J.S.A. 19:34-15 Electioneering within or about polling place; disorderly
persons offense

34 CFR 98.1 - Student Protection Rights Amendment

Possible

Cross References: *1100 Communicating with the public
*1140 Distribution of materials by students and staff

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS (continued)

- *1322 Contests for students
- *1330 Use of School Facilities
- *5136 Fund-raising activities
- *6142.10 Internet safety and technology
- *6145.3 Publications
- 6162.5 Research

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.