

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: Distribution Of Materials
And Use of Students

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Administration

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Printed materials may be distributed to parents or guardians by students as an inexpensive means of mass communications. The Superintendent or his/her designee may approve such distribution providing:

1. The materials relate to the school, community, local recreational or civic activities; and
2. the materials do not relate to any religious belief or activity, express political or social viewpoints, or promote private gain; and
3. the materials do not promote any political party or candidate.

Requests For Distribution

All requests from groups or individuals to have students distribute materials to parents or guardians shall be referred to the office of the superintendent to determine whether the requests comply with overall school purposes and policy.

Electronic Communication

In the interest of minimizing the volume of paper being sent home, the use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Use Of Students

The board prohibits the use of students during normal school hours in activities which are not part of the normal educational and planned curriculum process. Permission for use of students in activities of a non-educational nature must be obtained from the Superintendent or his/her designee who will ensure that students' rights in terms of voluntary activities are maintained and that students are not exploited either knowingly or unknowingly.

Budget Materials

Communication through students regarding a proposed board of education budget for which the referendum question has not yet been approved or an already adopted budget board of education budget must be limited to factual information only. Advocacy of a position in this manner is prohibited. All such communication must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Referendum Materials

Once the town council has approved a referendum question, information regarding said referendum, specifying only the time, date, location, and specific question or proposal may be disseminated through students. This information may not contain statements which advocate a position on the referendum question and must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Interpretation

The superintendent or his/her designee shall interpret this policy strictly. In case of differences regarding the decision, the decision of the Superintendent will be final in order that the best interests of the students will be served.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-369