



School Committee Policy:

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Distribution Of Literature From Outside Organizations

From time to time the schools are asked by outside organizations, which otherwise have no affiliation with the schools, to make their literature available to students.

Only literature from non-profit educational, charitable, civic or athletic organizations that either provide an educational and/or enjoyable activity for students or parents may be made available to students, either through distribution to individual students, by posting in individual classrooms, by posting on a bulletin board for community announcements, or by being made available in school offices. Principals and/or the Superintendent of Schools will be responsible for deciding to make an organization's literature available and how to do so.

Student and Parent Handbooks will contain this statement: "Making literature available in the schools does not indicate sponsorship or endorsement of the outside organization whose literature is being made available to students."

Literature shall not be distributed to students during instructional time.

Students shall not be required to read to take home literature from outside organizations.

School newsletters and notices to parents from the school may inform families of events and registrations for nonprofit educational, charitable, civic or athletic organizations, but shall not actively recruit members for these organizations. Newsletters may also include announcements of performances and other activities of for-profit organizations provided that the activity is educational or artistic and includes participation of Maynard students. Principals and/or the Superintendent of Schools shall have the right to refuse requests from any organization requesting an announcement in their newsletter.

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Legal References: Department of Education Regulation: 603 C. M. R. 26.06(1), Memo from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education dated November 15, 2000 entitled "Distribution of Boy Scout Literature in Public Schools"
