

# SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT EXPRESSION

ADOPTED: AUGUST 9, 1993

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.9 SC 511</p> <p>2. Authority SC 511 Title 22 Sec. 12.9</p> <p>Pol. 913</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">220. STUDENT EXPRESSION</p> <p>The Board respects the right of students to express themselves in word or symbol and to distribute materials as a part of that expression, but it also recognizes that the exercise of that right must be limited by the district's responsibility to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to designate and prohibit manifestations of student expression which are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others. Such expressions are those which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Libel any specific person or persons.</li> <li>2. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect or point of view.</li> <li>3. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material which may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health of students.</li> <li>4. Are obscene or contain material deemed to be harmful to impressionable students who may receive them.</li> <li>5. Incite violence, advocate use of force, or urge violation of law, school district policy or regulations.</li> <li>6. Advertise goods or services for the benefit of profit making organizations.</li> <li>7. Solicit funds for nonschool organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board.</li> </ol> <p>The Board reserves the right to halt the distribution of unprotected materials.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.9 (g) Pol. 219</p>	<p>The Board shall require that students who wish to distribute materials submit them for prior review. Where the reviewer cannot show within two (2) school days that the materials are unprotected, such materials may be distributed. Appeal of the prior review to the Superintendent and the Board shall be permitted in accordance with district rules.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.9 (i)</p>	<p>The Board shall require that distribution of printed materials takes place only at the places and during the times set forth in district rules and regulations in order that such distribution not interfere with the orderly operation of the schools.</p>
	<p><u>Student Publications</u></p>
	<p>School-sponsored publications are an integral part of the curriculum and are therefore subject to prior review at the discretion of the principal. The reasons that the principal may not allow articles for publication include:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Articles, information, and/or subjects which:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Are inadequately researched, incorrect, or untrue.</li><li>b. Do not reflect a balanced view by offering negative and positive aspects of any controversial issue.</li><li>c. Are inconsistent with the stated policy in the planned course for journalism curriculum.</li><li>d. Are biased or prejudiced.</li><li>e. May result in a negative impact on the school; these may be addressed in a pro/con format.</li><li>f. Are unsuitable for immature audiences or are inconsistent with community values.</li><li>g. Criticize any local individual(s).</li><li>h. Sexually explicit.</li><li>i. Infringe on rights of other students.</li><li>j. Substantially interferes with class work.</li><li>k. Advocates drug or alcohol use, irresponsible sex, conduct inconsistent with shared values of the community.</li></ol></li></ol>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>2. Language which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Ungrammatical or awkward.</li><li>b. Vulgar or profane.</li><li>c. Biased.</li></ul> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and regulations for the distribution of printed material.</p>
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