

#### 4.14 Student Media

- I. The School Board of Springdale recognizes that students may exercise their right of expression. This right includes expression in school-sponsored media, whether such media are supported financially by the school or by use of school facilities, or are produced in conjunction with a class.
- II. The School Board recognizes that truth, fairness, accuracy and responsibility are essential to the practice of journalism, and that the following types of media by students are not authorized:
  - A. Media that are obscene as to minors, as defined by state law.
  - B. Media are libelous or slanderous, as defined by state law.
  - C. Media that constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, as defined by state law.
  - D. Media that so incite students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violations of lawful school regulations or the material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
  - E. Media that harass, threaten, or intimidate a student.
- III. Recognizing these media are part of the school curriculum, no student publication and/or broadcast will accept advertising which would substantially interfere with education purposes, impinge upon the rights of student, or are prejudiced in content, vulgar, or unsuitable for immature audiences.
- IV. The time, place and the manner of student distribution of student media shall be regulated by school authorities and shall not interfere with school activities.
- V. Media shall adhere to any applicable copyright laws as well as Family Educational Privacy Act requirements.

[Legal Reference: Family Educational Right and Privacy Act, 20 U.S. Code 1232 g.]

- VI. The penalties for violation of this policy include probation, as a minimum, and expulsion from school for one (1) semester, as a maximum.

[Legal Reference: Hazelwood School District v.Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 261, 108 S. C.J. 562, 98 L. Ed. 2d 592 (1988)]

[Legal Reference:Planned Parenthood v. Clark County School District 941 F. 2d 817 (9<sup>th</sup> cir. 1991)]

ASBA Model Policy Reference: 4.14

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