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## DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING OF COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS

### I. Purpose

Policy KHC establishes the procedures for the distribution and posting of community informational materials in schools.

### II. Background

The ~~Washington County~~ Board of Education reserves the use of school time, personnel, and resources to conduct the school system's curricular and ~~activity~~ non-curricular programs. However, the Board believes that student involvement in activities outside of school time through local civic, government, cultural, recreational, and non-profit organizations can provide a benefit to students and that schools can serve as a mechanism for informing students about such activities.

### III. Policy Statement/Procedures

- A. In furtherance of the Board of Education's commitment to partnerships with local civic, government, cultural, recreational, and non-profit organizations that provide activities that benefit students, approved community informational materials from such organizations may be distributed on school grounds.
- B. The Board of Education may permit Community Informational Materials to be distributed to students or posted in areas of common accessibility as long as the distribution and posting of materials does not interfere with the educational goals of the school system or interrupt the school day.
- C. In reviewing any requests for distribution of material, consideration will be given to whether the material contributes in a meaningful way to the educational program of the school system and is appropriate to the overall purpose educational mission of the school system. The educational program includes instruction, extra-curriculars, athletics, assemblies, and other similar activities that support the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the Washington County Public Schools.
- D. Materials which advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or which contain material, which is not aligned incompatible with the educational purpose policies and regulations of the school system (material that is defamatory, obscene or that reasonably leads school officials to forecast a material and substantial may disruption or interference with school activities), will not be permitted.
- E. Except as otherwise set forth in Board of Education policy and school system regulation, schools generally may not be used for advertising or promoting the interest of commercial, profit-making, political, advocacy, or other non-school groups, individuals, or organizations.
- F. No student shall be pressured or coerced to take or respond to the materials.
- G. The school system reserves the right to determine the most appropriate method of distribution.
- H. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate an administrative regulation that contains the procedures for the distribution of and posting of community materials.

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