

## SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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### DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

1. The school division shall limit the distribution of information/materials from outside groups to reduce the distractions from instruction.
2. Only parent-teacher organizations, booster clubs supporting school-sponsored student activities, and non-school governmental organizations may apply for permission to have materials distributed by school employees.
3. PTOs and booster clubs must apply to the school principal for permission to have materials distributed.
4. The principal shall determine the time and method of distribution of materials.
5. If the principal does not approve the distribution of materials, the PTO or booster club may appeal to the Superintendent or designee for distribution.
6. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.
7. Non-school governmental organizations must apply to the division superintendent or his/her designee for approval of distribution of information. Non-school organizations may be required to provide additional information with the request to clarify the need to distribute the materials with students.
8. No student shall be required to receive any information that is contradictory to personal or family beliefs or is of a political nature.
9. If the School Board permits the use of its facilities by members of the community or the distribution of literature on school property or at school functions, it will permit such use or such distribution by the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and other youth groups designated as patriotic societies by federal law, to the same extent and in the same manner as all other persons or groups.

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Legal References: U.S. Constitution amend. I.

*Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc. v. Montgomery County Public Schools*, 457 F.3d 376 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006).

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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78,  
22.1-79.3, 22.1-131, and 22.1-293(B-D).