

IIAD-AR Student Publications/Productions

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Code: **IIAD-AR**
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Student Publications/Productions

Student publications/productions subject to review by school administrators include those which are:

1. School-sponsored (supported by district funds, equipment, etc.);
2. Part of the established curriculum;
3. Of benefit primarily to those who compile, edit, produce and publish them;
4. Activities which students, parents, and members of the public might reasonably perceive to bear the sanction or approval of the district.

Student publications/productions will be reviewed by staff advisors and may be reviewed by other district administrators for up to five school days prior to printing and distribution.

Materials may be modified or removed from publications/productions for legitimate educational, social, and legal reasons. Such reasons include:

1. The material is or may be defamatory/libelous;
2. The material is inappropriate based on the age, grade level and/or maturity of the reading/viewing audience;
3. The material is hateful or discriminatory;
4. The material is poorly written or inadequately researched;
5. Whether there is an opportunity for a named individual or named individuals to make a response;
6. Whether specific individuals are demeaned or defamed, and could be identified, even though the material does not use or give names;
7. The material uses swearing, profanity, or obscene language inappropriate for the individual and /or the intended audience;
8. The material advocates/clearly condones the commission of unlawful acts;
9. The material contains explicit sexual or violent content inappropriate for the individual and/or the intended audience.

Staff advisors and reviewers are to use the standardized Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) ratings system and the district guidelines for movie viewing (Board Policy IIABB and IIABB-AR) when determining if video or dramatic student productions are appropriate for the maturity/age level of the students developing the materials and for the intended audience. Materials produced by elementary school and middle school students should be G rated. The productions of high school students may be rated for the intended audience and shown appropriately.

The following guidelines apply to high school student productions:

1. High school students may be allowed to create PG rated materials if their parent/guardian has signed for the viewing of PG rated movies. The production must carry the rating, and only students with parental permission to view PG rated movies may view the production.
2. High school students may be allowed to create PG-13 rated materials if their parent/guardian provides

specific permission at both the "pitch" stage of pre-production, and the finalized storyboard stage. The two signatures assure that the parent/guardian has a clear understanding of what is involved in all parts of the production. The production must carry the rating, and only students with parental permission to view PG-13 rated movies may view the production.

3. The instructor/staff advisor will determine the rating of each project, from the "pitch" stage through post-production. The permission of the instructor/staff advisor is also required for the production and showing of PG and PG-13 rated materials.
4. No students will be allowed to create R rated productions.

Modifications or removal of items may be appealed in writing to the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee shall schedule a meeting within five school days of receiving the written appeal. Those present at the meeting shall include the individual(s) making the appeal, the individual(s) who made the decision to modify or remove materials, and the superintendent or designee. At the superintendent or designee's discretion, the district's legal counsel may also attend the meeting.

The superintendent or designee shall make his/her decision within five school days of the meeting. The superintendent or designee's decision shall be final and binding on all parties.