

DISTRIBUTION AND DISPLAY OF INFORMATION AT SCHOOLS

One of the strongest links of communication between the Merrimack School District and parents is the student in the classroom. Failure to provide parents with appropriate information may lead to misinformation about our schools.

It is the goal of the Merrimack School Board that information regarding school activities, programs, events and organizations be properly disseminated to parents. It is also the goal of the Merrimack School Board that community based non-profit organizations be permitted to distribute and/or display information relating to educational or recreational opportunities for students.

A. PERMITTED DISTRIBUTION AND DISPLAY

The school administration shall permit, with the Superintendent’s permission, informational material from the following organizations/entities to be sent home with students or displayed in schools or school district buildings:

1. Merrimack School District, including individual schools and recognized clubs, teams, etc.
2. Recognized parent/teacher groups
3. Government agencies (local, state and federal)
4. Community non-profit organizations promoting or offering educational and/or recreational opportunities for students.

B. PROHIBITED MATERIAL

Information published by the School District, an individual school, an employee organization or union, a recognized parent/teacher group, or any other individual, group or organization which advocates a particular position on bond issues, political matters, labor relations issues, or school district budgets will not be distributed through students or displayed in schools.

In addition, the Superintendent may prohibit distribution or display of any material which he/she reasonably determines would be considered offensive to parents or students. This determination will be made objectively and will be based solely on the offensive content of the material, not the viewpoint(s) expressed in the material.

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