

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. The Board also recognizes that community-based organizations may wish to display or distribute materials related to educational or recreational opportunities for students. However, such display and/or distribution must not interfere with the smooth operation of any school or be disruptive to the educational purposes of the District.

A. PERMITTED DISTRIBUTION AND DISPLAY

The District shall permit 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. Merrimack School District 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.

Requests to display or distribute materials originating outside the Merrimack School District must be submitted to the SAU office, which will approve the request and forward the material to the applicable school(s) for display or distribution. Organizations wishing to distribute materials must supply a sufficient number of copies.

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.

The Superintendent shall prohibit distribution or display of any material which would interfere with the smooth operation of any school or disrupt the educational purposes of the District, unless such material is constitutionally protected.

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