

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5022: STUDENT EXERCISE OF FREE EXPRESSION AND OFFICIAL SCHOOL PUBLICATION CODE

- A. The Board prohibits any expressions or materials which are obscene, libelous or slanderous according to current legal definitions.

- B. The Board prohibits expressions or materials which demonstrably incite students to commit unlawful acts on school premises, violate school rules, or substantially disrupt the school's orderly operation.

- C. Printed materials or petitions shall be distributed only at reasonable times and places and in reasonable ways:
 - 1. Before school begins, during lunch time, and after dismissal.

 - 2. In locations that do not obstruct the normal flow of traffic within school or at entrances.

 - 3. Without undue noise, and without any use of coercion.

 - 4. No student shall use coercion to induce students or any other persons to accept printed matter or to sign petitions. No funds or donations shall be collected for any material distributed.

 - 5. All printed matter and petitions distributed or circulated on school property shall bear the name and the address or contact location of the sponsoring organization or individual.

- D. Appeals

If the issue cannot be resolved between the student and the principal or designee, the student may appeal to the Superintendent. As a final step, the student may request a hearing to determine whether a deprivation of freedom of expression was justified. The hearing shall be held before the Board or an impartial person appointed by the Board as soon as possible after the hearing is requested.

- E. Student editors of official school publications shall be responsible for assigning and editing their publications subject to the review and approval of any advisor and the Principal in order to maintain professional standards of journalism and compliance with this policy. Appeals shall be processed without undue delay pursuant to provision D.

Legal Reference:
Education Code sections 48907, 51520

Date Policy Adopted By The Board: October 10, 2000.