

Wilson County Board of Education

Policy Description: Media Access to Students	Policy Number: 6.604	Amended Date: 04/07/08
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1 School administrators shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to students
2 in their respective schools. Media representatives shall be required to report to the administration for prior
3 approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general
4 public. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school
5 activities including athletic events. Such media access shall not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with
6 Board policies.

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8 Specific parental/guardian permission must be obtained if the story or photograph covers topics of a sensitive
9 nature.

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11 If any student is to be filmed or videotaped and will be identified or a primary subject of the filming or videotaping,
12 prior written consent/release/waiver will be obtained from the student's parent/guardian.

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14 District employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of
15 the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and personally identifiable
16 information.¹

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18 The media will not be allowed to observe or film/videotape any classroom instruction without written permission
19 from the Director of Schools.

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21 Parents/guardians will be advised of this policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the
22 student/parent handbook.

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¹ USCA 20-1232g; TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.09(5)(e)(7)