

# Wilson County Board of Education

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## 1 STUDENT RIGHTS

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3 The student shall be allowed to responsibly express himself/herself and to disseminate his/her views in writing.<sup>1</sup>

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5 Any student may submit articles and editorials for school sponsored publications. The procedure for submission  
6 of materials shall be published and distributed to all students.

## 7 8 STANDARDS

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10 School sponsored publications shall adhere to commonly accepted community standards and no printed material  
11 may be distributed which:

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13 1. Is obscene;<sup>2</sup>  
14 2. Is libelous;<sup>3</sup>  
15 3. May create a material and substantial disruption of the normal school activity or appropriate discipline in  
16 the school.<sup>4</sup>

## 17 18 CONTROL AND SUPERVISION

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20 Student publications shall be under the control of the principal. Each school shall have a faculty sponsor who  
21 reviews all publications proposed to be distributed in the school by a student or school group.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Constitution, First Amendment

<sup>2</sup> Sharley v. Northwest Ind. School District, 462 F. 2d 960, 970-71, 5<sup>th</sup> Cir., 1971

<sup>3</sup> Schwartz v. Schuker, 298 F. Supp. 238, 242 (D.C.N.Y. 1969)

<sup>4</sup> Braxton v. Municipal Ct., 10 Cal. 3d 138, 514 P. 2d 697, 109 Cal. Rptr. 897 (1973)

<sup>5</sup> Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

1 **DISTRIBUTION**

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3 School authorities shall regulate the time, manner, place and duration for the distribution of publications on  
4 school grounds.

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6 As it pertains to the school, distribution shall be defined as any manner of disseminating written or printed  
7 materials equally, systematically or merely at random to several or many persons on school grounds.

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9 **APPEALS**

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11 If a request for distributing any portion of a student publication is denied by the faculty sponsor, the decision may  
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