

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

~~The student newspaper and yearbook shall be a nonpublic forum.—As such, contributions to these publications shall be limited to district students and staff, shall be course offerings that are part of the district’s educational curriculum, faculty member, shall be subject to administrative review, and shall be subject to the following restrictions.~~

School-sponsored media as defined by NDCC Ch. 15.1-06 shall be supervised by a student media advisor but shall not be reviewed by an administrator unless the publication is believed to contain restricted content as listed below.

The following material is prohibited from being published in **school-sponsored media** ~~the student newspaper and yearbook:~~

- ~~1. Material inadequately researched;~~
- ~~2. Material biased or prejudiced;~~
3. Material that is **obscene, vulgar profane** , or pornographic;
4. Material that is **defamatory**, slanderous, or libelous in nature;
5. Material that infringes or may infringe on the **privacy** rights of others;
6. Material that promotes violence, terrorism, or other illegal activities, including, but not limited to, **material that promotes** tobacco and/or drug and alcohol use by minors;
7. Material that is reasonably forecast to materially ~~or~~ **and** substantially disrupt the educational environment;
8. **Material that violates or incites the violation of policy including, but not limited to, the district’s policies on bullying and harassment**
9. Material that poses a direct safety threat to the District, its students, and/or staff.

A decision to prohibit publication and distribution of a student publication with restricted content shall be made by the building principal and may be appealed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall investigate and issue a decision in a timely manner. The superintendent’s decision may be appealed to the Board within 30 calendar days after the Superintendent has issued his/her decision.

~~[The following time, place, and manner restrictions apply to dissemination of school-sponsored media (list description, e.g., student newspapers shall only be placed in receptacles near school entrances, no school-sponsored media shall be distributed in the classroom with the exception of journalism courses, etc.)].~~

The Dickinson High and Hagen Junior High student newspaper is distributed online. Students are notified when it is available.