Guilford County Board of Education
Board Policy

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DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS ~~TO STUDENTS~~ IN SCHOOLS	KI

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The Guilford County Board of Education ~~intends to~~ expects ~~create~~ a learning environment free from interruption for non-educational reasons. It supports informing parents and students about educational opportunities and community activities in a non-disruptive way. To that end, only information which has been approved for display or distribution in accordance with Board policy will be distributed to students.

For district and school-specific materials or announcements, the Communications Office may approve for display or for distribution directly to students from the following organizations:

1. The Guilford County Schools;
2. Agencies/departments within the county, state or federal government;
3. Parent/Teacher Associations/organizations.

Information materials or announcements from any other organization may be approved by the Communications Office for display (not for distribution directly to students) if the activity or event primarily concerns one of the following topics:

1. Educational services directly related to the school's instructional program such as test preparation courses and enrichment courses;
2. Student health, safety or welfare;
3. Community sports or cultural activities (non-profit).

Materials that are to be disseminated at the school level, will be displayed either in the media center, at a designated area near the front entrance, or at the front office. These materials can be made available at designated places during specific school events (sports, fairs, open houses, or PTA meetings) and will not require or include any representatives from the aforementioned groups.

All materials should clearly specify the name of the sponsoring agency or organization, and that the activity/organization/group is not sponsored by the Guilford County Schools.

Only information concerning activities sponsored or endorsed by the above listed organizations will be approved.

The principal has the authority and responsibility to approve for direct distribution information or materials that is school specific (i.e. announcements, events, festivals, open houses, school projects), or school specific materials that are generated from parent-teacher-student organizations within the school.

Any student who believes the principal has wrongfully denied him/her the right to distribute materials may file a grievance and follow the established grievance procedures.

The superintendent will adopt regulations that ensure that this policy is implemented throughout the school system.

Policy Reference: This policy combines and replaces Board policies KIAB and KIB.