



The Board recognizes the important role the media serves in reporting information about the district's program, services and activities. Therefore, the district will make every reasonable effort to provide media access to students.

School administrators shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to students in their respective schools. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events provided their presence will not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with Board policies and district goals.

Media representatives shall be required to report to the administration for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general public. The building administrator has the right to restrict interaction with students on school property if he/she deems it interferes or disrupts the educational process.

Media representatives wishing to photograph or identify particular students, must obtain parental or guardian approval as well. Such permission shall not be required before photographs, videotapes, and/or articles referring to students involved in athletic events may be published.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed, photographed, or videotaped by the media shall inform the school principal accordingly.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed, photographed, or videotaped by the media should direct their student accordingly.

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

Parents will be advised of the district's media access to students policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the student/parent handbook.

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-213
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-209
 Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438, 20 U.S.C. Sec
 1232g (1988).
 Title I – Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (PL 105-17)

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