

# POLICY

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### 5712 STUDENT NEWSPAPER (OWL'S EYE)

The Board of Education permits and encourages the preparation and distribution of a school sponsored publication under staff direction in order that pupils learn the rights and responsibilities of the press in a free society.

#### Publication

The Board recognizes the *Owl's Eye* as the official publication of the student body for pupils in grades Kindergarten through 6.

The Board shall appoint one or two qualified teaching staff member(s) to serve as advisor to student newspaper activities.

#### Objectives

To develop appreciation for the skill of reporting and writing for the content of a school newspaper.

To develop pride in the accomplishments of students and appreciation for activities experienced within the school community.

To inform readers concerning all levels of school organization, from administration and parent organizations to student related activities.

To develop the following skills experience for *Owl's Eye* staff members:

- learn to be aware of school related news
- gather factual information through observation and interviews
- learn the interview process
- learn to transcribe articles from notes
- use technology skills to develop articles, research information and import graphics,
- develop proofreading skills
- work within a timeline
- work cooperatively
- efficiently disseminate the paper to the school community



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### Meetings

The Student Newspaper (*Owl's Eye*) will meet weekly within the school year schedule.

### Budget

The annual stipend for advisors will be determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funds will be set aside annually for appropriate expenses.

### Advisor Responsibilities

- Advisors set up invitation to sixth graders to participate with parental approval, determine dates and purpose of meetings, set up parent assisted refreshments for each meeting, and assure that students have safe passage home.
- Advisors instruct staff members as to how to interview, take notes, develop articles using *who, what, when, where, why* and *how* format.
- Advisors instruct and guide staff members on co-operative proof-reading, graphics, picture-taking, and safe storage of articles and pictures, including hard copy for back-up.
- Advisors review all materials going into paper for appropriateness and timeliness, are the final proofreaders for structure and accuracy of paper, and deliver draft to printer.
- Advisors organize staffers into efficient delivery systems to disseminate *Owl's Eye* Newspaper to all members of the school community.

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