

Friendswood ISD Policy for Permission & Restrictions to Distribute Flyers.

Outside individuals, groups, businesses and organizations may request to distribute information to students and faculty/staff in FISD in accordance with Board Policy. (see below)

FISD recognizes and accepts two types of flyers:

1. **School Sponsored Activities:** these flyers contain information about events and programs sponsored by the school district as a whole, individual campuses, PTO groups, School Recognized Booster Clubs, district departments, campus clubs/organizations and the Friendswood Education Foundation. The Foundation is composed of the organization as a whole, the Friendswood Alumni Association and the Mustang Association.
2. **Non profit groups or businesses/individuals** whose flyers reflect student activities or programs not for profit that would interest students, or be for their well being or would interest faculty/staff.

FISD *does not accept* flyers whose intentions are to provide adult activities or information that does not impact parenting or children or highlights a business or activity held for profit. FISD is not available to market a business or provide a way to advertise freely for a profit enterprise.

FISD has gone GREEN as much as possible with its flyers. In an effort to save paper while still providing parents with information, the district has established eCOMMUNITY bulletin boards on its homepage and all six campus websites. Parents are encouraged to continually check to see what events are being held through the district and also in the community that would benefit their children. FISD school related flyers (dance clinics, festivals, booster club activities, PTO, Community Ed, Education Foundation, etc) will be approved for distribution to students in k-5 folders throughout the year. Please count out flyers in sets of 25.

Three calendar dates, however, offer three times during the school year when all approved items may be sent home in K-5 folders. THE FLYER FORM WILL HAVE THE CORRECT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR but generally the dates are in September, February and April.

To be put in the folders during the above three dates:

ALL FLYERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A SIGNED, APPROVED FLYER FORM, and be in stacks of 25 per classroom (unless designated another amount on flyer form. These flyers must be delivered to the campus on the Monday or Tuesday of the week going in the folders. Please do not deliver the flyers before that time as the campuses do not have storage areas for this.

All flyers must include the following:

1. The following statement if the organization is outside the district: *Neither this organization nor this event is sponsored, endorsed or otherwise affiliated with Friendswood ISD.*

2. Include contact name, phone number, fax number, flier and campus names when requesting flyer distribution approval.
3. Flyers may be denied for the eCommunity Board due to poor quality for website placement.
4. Approval forms for School Sponsored materials must accompany flyers to EACH campus and ALL FLYERS must be approved before flyers will be posted on the eCommunity bulletin board.
5. All flyers need to be in **pdf** format and emailed to downen@fisdk12.net

The request for direct distribution of flyers being ONLY SCHOOL SPONSORED has come directly from principals and parents. Hundreds of flyers are turned in annually to FISD. Many of these are non-profit groups as well as worthwhile programs and camps that offer a wide variety of opportunities for children and faculty. FISD believes the eCommunity Board will offer parents a 24/7 way to see what is currently available for their children.

Board Policy is available to all at the FISD website: myfisdk12.net. Click on Departments under Communication Dept for the pdf.

Board policy relating to nonschool literature:

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**STUDENT EXPRESSION:
DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL LITERATURE**

For purposes of this policy, “distribution” means the circulation of more than ten copies of material from a source other than the District. The District’s classrooms during the school day are provided for the limited purpose of delivering instruction to students in the courses and subjects in which they are enrolled. Hallways and school buildings are provided for the limited purpose of facilitating the movement of students between classes and allowing access to assigned lockers. Classrooms and hallways shall not be used for the distribution of any materials over which the school does not exercise control. Each school campus shall designate an area where materials that have been approved for distribution by students in accordance with this policy may be made available or distributed. Principals may develop reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions regarding the distribution of materials at designated areas.

PRIOR REVIEW All written material over which the school does not exercise control and that is i
distribution to students shall be submitted to the building principal or designee f
review
according to the following procedures:
In order to be considered for distribution, materials shall include the name of the
or
individual sponsoring the distribution.
Using the standards below at **LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT**, the principal or c
approve or reject submitted material within two school days of the time the ma
received.
The student may appeal the principal's decision in accordance with FNG(LOCA
at Level Two.
Students who fail to follow these procedures may be disciplined in accordance v
series

and the Student Code of Conduct

LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT Nonschool materials shall not be distributed if:
The materials are obscene, vulgar, or otherwise inappropriate for the age and ma
audience.
The materials endorse actions endangering the health or safety of students.
The distribution of such materials would violate the intellectual property rights,
or
other rights of another person.
The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others.
The materials criticize Board members or school officials or advocate violation
and fall within the standard described at **LIMITATIONS ON EXPRESSION a**
(LEGAL).
The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to i
produce
such action.
The materials include hate literature that scurrilously attacks ethnic, religious, or
and
similar publications aimed at creating hostility and violence if they fall within th
described at **LIMITATIONS ON EXPRESSION at FNAAL(LEGAL)**.
PETITIONS A petition for any cause may not be circulated on school property without the ap
Superintendent and/or principal.
For distribution of nonschool literature by nonstudents, see GKD.

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COMMUNITY
RELATIONS:
ADVERTISING
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SCHOOLS

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

School facilities shall not be used to advertise, promote, sell tickets or collect funds for any nonschool-related purpose without prior approval of the Superintendent or designee. Nonschool-related organizations may use school facilities only in accordance with GKD.

ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be accepted solely for the purpose of covering the providing materials and equipment, not for the purpose of establishing a forum for communication. The District retains final editorial authority to accept or reject submitted advertisements in a manner consistent with the First Amendment. [See FMA regarding school-sponsored publications.]

Under GKD:

FORUM FOR COMMUNICATION

The District may create a public forum of a place or channel of communication for use by the public at large for assembly and speech, for use by certain speakers, or for the discussion of certain subjects. Perry Educ. Ass'n v. Perry Local Educators' Ass'n, 460 U.S. 37, 103 S. Ct. 948 (1983); Chiu v. Plano Indep. Sch. Dist., 260 F.3d 330 (5th Cir. 2001)

The District is not required to allow persons to engage in every type of speech when the District establishes a limited public forum; the District may be justified in reserving its forum for certain groups or for the discussion of certain topics. The District shall not discriminate against speech on the basis of viewpoint, and any restriction must be reasonable in light of the purpose served by the forum. Good News Club v. Milford Cent. Sch., 533 U.S. 98, 121 S. Ct. 2093 (2001); Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384, 113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993)