

## **STUDENT DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE AND MATERIALS**

It is the intent of this policy to recognize the free speech rights of students in public schools. Students have the right to express their opinion and points of view subject to reasonable time, place and manner consistent with law. Students shall obtain prior approval from the Academy President or Management Company Representative in writing in order to distribute and/or post materials. Only those students enrolled at South Tech Charter Academy, Inc. shall be permitted to distribute and/or post materials under this policy.

### 1. Student Distribution of Materials

- a. Students seeking to distribute non-school materials shall provide a copy of the material to the President or Management Company Representative or his designee. The President or Management Company Representative or designee will authorize the distribution within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt unless it is determined that the material:
  - i. Is lewd, obscene or pornographic;
  - ii. Can be reasonably forecast to cause or create a substantial disruption or material interference in the operation of the school;
  - iii. Contains statements, which may be libelous or slanderous;
  - iv. Contains statements, which invade personal rights of privacy;
  - v. Infringes on the rights of other students;
  - vi. Advocates violence or illegal activity; or
  - vii. Advertises a product or services not permitted for use by minors under the law.

Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to prohibit the distribution of religious or political literature, provided such material does not otherwise violate the guidelines stated above.

- b. If the material is approved, the student will be allowed to distribute such material before and after school and during non-instructional time. Distribution locations on campus shall be designated by the President or Management Company Representative and may include, among others, any entrance and exit and places near the cafeteria.
- c. Distribution shall be conducted in an orderly manner and shall not disrupt operation of the School or interfere with free expression by other students. Students shall not distribute materials in a manner that disrupts any school activity or blocks or impedes the safe flow of traffic within corridors and entrances. Students distributing materials shall be responsible for cleaning up materials thrown on school floors or grounds.
- d. Students have the right, notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, to refuse to accept materials being distributed. No student has the right to force materials on any other student.

### 2. Student Posting of Materials

- a. The President or Management Company Representative shall designate areas within the school for posting of materials by students that are reasonably accessible to all students. Materials for posting shall contain a disclaimer stating: "STUDENT SPONSORED MATERIAL – THIS MATERIAL IS NEITHER ENDORSED OR SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL".
- b. Materials authorized for posting shall remain posted for fifteen (15) days or through the date of any event advertised by the posted material.

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Implemented: U.S.CONST. amend. 1; The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title 7), ¶ 703(a)(1)' as amended by The Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. ¶ 20003(a)(1); FS 230.22(5), 230.35, 231.085

Reference: Palm Beach School District Policy 2.131

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