

## MILITARY RECRUITER AND COMMUNITY SPEAKER GUIDELINES

As noted in South Tech Charter Academy, Inc. Board Policy 5.50, military recruiters have limited access to student records. Military recruiters have congressional authority to talk to students about career opportunities in the armed forces. College and university representatives also have access to students. Community speakers may also request permission to talk to students about non-military career opportunities. The courts have held we cannot deny a speaker access to students solely on a dislike of their viewpoint. Peace activists who request to speak must be allowed the same access to students as the recruiters or college representatives.

This policy outlines guideline for handling speaker requests.

1. Board Policy 5.50 and a statement in the Student-Family Handbook allows parents/guardians to opt out of releasing student information within ten (10) days of receiving the Handbook. However, requests should be honored throughout the school year. Opt out letters should be given to the data processor to input this information so student records are protected from being with requests from recruiters. **Do not release information to military recruiters prior to ten (10) days after parents have received the Handbook.**
2. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can regulate the time, place and manner of a presentation.
3. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can require that speakers put their request in writing.
4. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee should offer speakers the same opportunity as offered to recruiters. Denying peace activists may constitute viewpoint discrimination.
5. If literature distribution by recruiters is allowed, distribution of non-military literature must be allowed to other speakers. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee should review the materials prior to distribution.
6. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can require that the message given by community speakers be an educational one and not contain any denigrating information about the military. Speakers may discuss non-military jobs.
7. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee should ensure the speaker is knowledgeable about the subject.
8. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can stipulate that the speaker not cause a disruption to the regular school programming.
9. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can caution the speaker not to focus on discouraging a particular career.
10. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee can receive assurance that the presentation will not be vulgar, disrespectful or obscene.
11. The President or Management Company Representative/Designee is not obligated to distribute an opt-out form brought by the speaker. District approved opt-out forms are in the guidance office.
12. Facts about the military can be shared (ex. salary, work conditions, casualties) even if they are not positive.
13. JROTC training is part of an educational program listed in the DOE Course Code Directory. JROTC should not be classified as military recruitment.

Authority: §§ 1001.41(2); 1001.43(8); 1002.22(4), Fla. Stat.

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