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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

We believe that student publications have a three-fold purpose. First, they afford interested students an opportunity to develop their skill at observing, reporting, analyzing, and writing items of news and special interest. Second, they can be a most effective method of giving the public the students' perception of the educational program, and thus, be a positive form of public relations. Third, the student publications, particularly the school annual, become valued references in high school memories.

In general, school publications should be allowed to print what the students want to publish; however, publication sponsors have the responsibility to see that material printed is handled in good taste. Being a student or a teacher does not relieve individual from being liable for court action because of slander, libel, or defamation of character. Likewise, there is no place for lewd, suggestive or obscene material in school publications. The teacher-sponsor of the publication is responsible for editing the publication to insure high-quality production.

