

<p><b>NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>DISPLAY OF MATERIALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY POLICY</b></p>	<p><b>Approved:</b></p>

**I. Introduction**

The North Providence Public Schools supports posting and display of appropriate materials in various areas of schools to enhance school community and educational values. The North Providence School Community also recognizes and supports students, faculty, staff, and school organizations' desire to display material that promote an event, exhibit, activity, recruitment, or express student opinion. However, posting materials should not detract from an orderly, focused learning environment. This policy provides for appropriate oversight and limitations and also to avoid the disruption inherent in the distribution/posting of non-District-related promotional materials

**II. Definitions**

“Material” or “posted material” for purposes of this policy includes, but is not limited to, banners, leaflets, chalking, posters, flyers, literature, and other visual items which may be put up for display or distributed to students or families.

**III. Policy**

1. The site-based administrator or designee shall make all determinations as to the appropriateness of any material for a particular school site. All materials to be posted on school property require prior approval by the site-based administrator. School staff and faculty are authorized to immediately remove posted materials that violate this policy.
2. Materials to be posted on school property must directly relate to the community’s cultural, recreational, artistic, or educational opportunities. Posted materials must not promote any commercial, religious, political, or socio-political interest. Consistent with other applicable policies, content on posted materials must be age appropriate and relate to the students’ curriculum.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this policy will not be interpreted or applicable to political signage on Election Day or Primary Day on school grounds designated as polling places for a particular election. The display of any written material or other material is prohibited on school property or at school sponsored events if it is likely to impact any or all of the following: the safety, schedule, work, or discipline of the school.

4. This policy does not apply to posted materials in a teacher's classroom or put on display by the classroom teacher which are directly related to such District approved classroom teacher's curriculum.

**IV. Development of protocol**

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a protocol and procedures to facilitate this policy.

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**I. Introduction**

This protocol accompanies and facilitates the North Providence Public School Policy on the Display of Materials on School Property.

**II. Material display and requirements**

1. General Requirements

- Only school administrators and teachers or authorized students may post materials. Such materials must directly relate to school/district curriculum, activities, events, or operations.
- All postings must be approved in advance by the school principal or their designee.
- Commercial advertisements, personal promotions, and materials unrelated to the school are prohibited from being posted.
- Employees shall not post personal information, student information including photographs of students, student work, or discussions about students without proper permission.
- Posting of inappropriate, offensive, or disruptive materials is strictly prohibited.
- The principal has final authority over what materials may be posted in their school building.
- Violations of this policy by staff may result in disciplinary action

2. Submission of poster for approval

- All posted material must be presented to the site-based administrator for approval.
- All posted material approval requests must be submitted at least one (1) week prior to the desired posting date.

3. Required information to be displayed on the material prior to approval

- All materials to be posted on school property must display the name of the individual or school organization responsible for the poster and evidence of the site based administrator's approval.

4. Posting locations

- Posting methods or materials that could create fire hazards or damage is strictly prohibited.
- Posted material must not be hung on lockers, in restrooms, or in classrooms.
- Material may only be posted in accordance with local and state fire code requirements.

5. Removal of posters

- The student, group, or staff member is responsible for ensuring all approved posters are removed in a timely manner.
- Postings must be dated and may be removed after a reasonable period of time determined by the principal.
- Any posted material not displaying the administration's approval shall be removed.