Sacramento City USD Board Policy

Media Relations

BP 1112 Community Relations

The Governing Board respects the public's right to information and recognizes that the media significantly influences the public's understanding of school issues and can greatly assist the district in informing the community about school progo7reat

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders) (cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Media representatives who wish to interview or photograph students at school are strongly encouraged to make prior arrangements with the principal so as to facilitate smooth operations, prevent delay, and preclude the possibility of disturbances on campus. This also allows the principal to arrange for interview times that will not interfere with students' class attendance.

The district shall not impose restraints on students' right to speak freely with media representatives at times which do not disrupt the educational program. At their discretion, parents/guardians may instruct their children not to communicate with media representatives.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting 32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes 32212 Classroom interruptions 35144 Special meetings 35145 Public meetings 35145.5 Agenda; public participation 35146 Closed sessions 35160 Authority of governing boards 35172 Promotional activities PENAL CODE 627-627.10 Access to school premises 95 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 509 (1996)

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