



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Media Access to Students

The Board recognizes the important role the media serves in reporting information about the district's program, services, and activities. Therefore, the district will make every reasonable effort to provide media access to students.

School administrators shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to students in their respective schools. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events provided their presence will not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with Board policies and district goals.

Media representatives shall be required to report to the administration for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general public.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed, photographed or videotaped by the media shall inform the school principal accordingly.

District employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

Parents will be advised of the district's media access to students policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the student/parent handbook.

(cf.5125 – Student Records; Confidentiality)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-19(b)(11) Access to public records. Exempt records.

10-209 Records not to be public.

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438,
20 U.S.C. Sec 1232g (1988).

Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended and renamed
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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