Sec. 1. SCHOOL-SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

All publications edited, printed, or distributed in the name of or within the Midland Academy Charter system shall be under the control of the school administration and the Board.

All school-sponsored publications approved by Midland Academy Charter that contain student work and/or are published by students at an individual campus shall be part of the instructional program, under the supervision of a faculty sponsor, and shall be carefully edited to reflect the ideals and expectations of the citizens of the school's geographical area for their schools. The Principal shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the organization, issuance, and sale of such publications and any other publication procedure, subject to the Superintendent's approval.

Expression in a school-sponsored publication is prohibited when the material:

1. Advertises or promotes any product or service not permitted for minors by law;
2. Associates Midland Academy Charter with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy;
3. Does not meet the standards of the educators who supervise the production of the publication;
4. Encourages students to commit illegal acts;
5. Encourages students to violate the Midland Academy Charter Student Code of Conduct;
6. Expresses or advocates sexual, racial, or religious harassment or violence or prejudice;
7. Impinges on the rights of other students;
8. Invades the privacy of others;
9. Is distributed or displayed in violation of time, place, and manner regulations;
10. Is inappropriate for the level of maturity of the readers;
11. Is libelous or slanderous;
12. Is obscene to minors;
13. Is vulgar or profane;
14. Might reasonably be perceived to advocate drug or alcohol use, irresponsible sex, or conduct otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order;
15. Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school or school activities; or
16. Would substantially interfere with the work of Midland Academy Charter.

Expression in official school publications is subject to editorial control by Midland Academy Charter over style and content so long as Midland Academy Charter's actions are reasonably related to legitimate educational/pedagogical concerns. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. Assuring that participants learn whatever lessons the activity is designed to teach;
2. Assuring that readers or listeners are not exposed to material that may be inappropriate for their level of maturity;
3. Assuring that the views of the individual speaker are not erroneously attributed to Midland Academy Charter;

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4. Assuring that Midland Academy Charter is not associated with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy;
5. Assuring that student speech cannot reasonably be perceived to advocate conduct otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order; and
6. Assuring that Midland Academy Charter is not associated with expression that is, for example, ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.

Sec. 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising in individual school publications may be accepted from bona fide business firms, subject to the approval of professional employees exercising editorial supervision over the publications. Advertising deemed inappropriate for student readers or that advertises products presenting a health hazard, such as alcohol or tobacco products, shall not be accepted.

Sec. 3. COMPLAINTS

Students who have a complaint regarding the procedures or a professional decision affecting the content or style of a school-sponsored publication shall present that complaint in accordance with Board Policy PG-3.30 (Parent and Student Complaints and Grievances).

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