

## RSU #34 STUDENT PUBLICATIONS POLICY

Some student publications, such as annual yearbooks and school newspapers, may be developed as part of the curriculum and be of a major educational benefit to those who compile, edit and publish them. Faculty advisors will be assigned to guide students engaged in these activities. Student editors have initial responsibility in determining content. However, the faculty advisor may override the student editor's decision, but shall give substantial and due regard for the judgment of the student editors and for the educational value of the exercise of that judgment. Censorship shall be limited to those aspects of publications that conflict with the basic educational mission of the school, that may be inappropriate for young audiences, or that may be reasonably judged by the public to bear the imprimatur of the school.

### OTHS YEARBOOK POLICY

#### *Senior Portraits*

All senior portraits shall be of the student only with a traditional indoor or outdoor background. No inappropriate props shall be allowed in the photographs. Clothing shall be modest and free of slogans and/or political expressions and such clothing shall be in conformance with the School District's dress code. The yearbook advisor and Principal shall determine if picture content is inappropriate.

#### *Senior Messages*

All senior messages shall be free of personal attacks, abusive language, racial epithets, vulgar comments, sexual innuendo, and all other speech that is inconsistent with the shared community values of RSU #34.

#### *Advertisements*

The Old Town High School yearbook and other school yearbooks are not a public forum. Accordingly, any advertisements must be free of political expression and reflect the common values of RSU #34. Advertisements shall not promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or the use of other items prohibited from use on school grounds.

#### *Memorial Spaces*

In the event of the death of an Old Town High School student, the yearbook staff will work in conjunction with the student's family to create an appropriate remembrance. These spaces will be limited to a single page and published in the year of graduation. If the event occurs after February 15<sup>th</sup>, it may not be able to be included due to printing deadlines.

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