

**CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**POLICY: USE OF STUDENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS  
IN OUR SCHOOLS BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Cranford Public Schools receive many requests from organizations to use our schools to distribute materials to our children, or through them, to our parents.

Material being sent home with pupils should relate to school matters or pupil-related community activities. Except when it pertains to the individual pupil, all such material must be approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools /designee.

It shall be the policy of the Cranford Board of Education to allow selected materials to be distributed in such a manner that those materials will meet the following criteria:

1. There shall be conformity with New Jersey Statutes.
2. Pupils shall not be used to distribute partisan materials or partisan information pertaining to a school or general election, budget or bond issue, or negotiations. Pupils shall not be exploited for the benefit of any individual, group, or profit-making organization.
3. Service or event advertised shall provide a tangible service to children.
4. No staff member may distribute any materials from outside organizations on school property without prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. All surveys, questionnaires or other similar item requiring pupil or parent/guardian response shall be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent of Schools prior to distribution.

<b>Legal References:</b>	N.J.S.A. 18A:14-81	Prohibits certain electioneering; penalty
	N.J.S.A. 18A:14-85 penalty	Displaying, selling or giving political insignia;
	N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4	Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
<b>Possible Cross References:</b>	Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 56 U.S.L.W., 4079, decided January 13, 1988.	
	1100	Communicating with the public
	1322	Contests for pupils
	5136	Fund-raising activities
	6145.3	Publications

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