## DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

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## 902. PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

1. Purpose

The Board believes that all reasonable means should be employed to keep the public informed on matters of importance regarding district policies, finances, programs, personnel and operations.

2. Authority

The Board shall determine which of its official actions have such community impact and interest to warrant special release, and it will release information to the media on matters of importance.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

Matters of a routine nature may be released by the Superintendent as they have been recorded in the minutes of Board meetings and upon request of media representatives.

All publications, releases, photographs and the like depicting the accomplishments of district students and staff may be approved at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

The responsible district administrator shall direct an information program designed to acquaint the public with the achievements, programs and needs of the schools.

The administration shall provide student handbooks which set forth the privileges and responsibilities of the elementary and secondary students. The handbooks shall address school objectives, student health and welfare, dress policy, athletics, expected conduct, discipline and other topics as deemed necessary by the Board.

The handbooks shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to remain current. The handbooks shall be made available to all students at the beginning of each school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines to be observed in matters of taste, relevance, and individual privacy in the writing and photographing of school publications, including provisions for personal release.

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References:
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511
Board Policy – 007, 105, 106, 127, 801, 803