

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

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911. NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS	
1. Purpose	Representatives of the local press, radio and TV are an important link in the communications chain between school and community. The maintenance of good working relationships with media representatives is essential to meeting those objectives of the school-community relations program which require the support and cooperation of the news media.
2. Authority	<p>The Board shall have the final approval for all basic policies concerning relations between the news media and the district.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to negotiate for the radio broadcasting, televising, filming, or sound recording of any school event by an outside agency. These rights, if sold, shall be contracted under conditions designed to bring the most favorable terms to the school district.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The chief communications representative for the Board shall be the Superintendent who shall be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being readily available to media representatives.</li> <li>2. Providing media representatives upon their request with all facts that give a true picture to the best of his/her knowledge.</li> <li>3. Keeping media representatives fully informed of all aspects of the school district so that any reporting will be done on the basis of a complete and valid overview.</li> <li>4. Submitting or suggesting feature stories or articles to media representatives which are of interest or importance.</li> <li>5. Assisting the Board in the preparation of regular and special publications to the public.</li> <li>6. Making presentations about the district to various community civic and governing bodies.</li> </ol>

<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Commercial broadcasting of football and basketball games shall be approved under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A specific charge for AM broadcasting and a specific charge for FM broadcasting will be paid.</li><li>2. The broadcasting station must pay for the telephone connection.</li><li>3. Only two (2) persons from the station will be permitted in the press box.</li><li>4. The school district reserves the right to approve the sponsors of the broadcast.</li></ol>
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