

	MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY		
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No special or supplemental printed materials or objects shall be distributed to school children unless they have been pre-approved first by the Associate Director for Instruction and Professional Development, next by the school principal, and finally by the classroom teacher. No material or object shall be approved for distribution to school children unless its primary purpose is to benefit the child by supporting and enhancing education and learning. Printed materials may be deemed to support and enhance educational values if they contain announcements of non-profit enrichment activities for children.

Materials whose primary purpose is religious, political, or commercial shall not be deemed to have a primary purpose of supporting the educational program and shall not be approved for distribution unless they are being distributed as a part of a regular classroom activity (e.g., social studies class on elections). In evaluating whether printed material or an object is suitable for distribution, its relevance to educational values, its timeliness, and the number of previously approved or anticipated distribution requests may be considered.

Materials or objects may be approved by the Associate Director for Instruction and Professional Development and disapproved by the principal or teacher; in such event, no distribution will be made. The principal and classroom teacher shall not distribute any item for which approval has been denied by the Associate Director for Instruction and Professional Development. Teachers may distribute to children, without the specific prior approval of the Associate Director for Instruction and Professional Development, materials allowing children to order books and other printed materials from approved publishers of childrens' books.