

Community Relations

Media Access to Students

The Council recognizes the important role the media serves in reporting information about CREC's programs, services and activities. Therefore, the Council will make every reasonable effort to provide media access to students.

School administrators shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to students in their respective schools. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events, provided their presence will not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with Council policies and district goals.

Media representatives shall be required to report to the administration for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general public.

Media representatives wishing to photograph or identify particular students must obtain parental or guardian approval as well. Such permission shall not be required before photographs, videotapes, and/or articles referring to students involved in athletic events may be published.

Parents/guardians who do not want their student interviewed, photographed or videotaped by the media shall inform the school principal accordingly.

Information obtained by media representatives directly from students does not require parent/guardian approval prior to publication by the media. Parents/guardians who do not want their student interviewed or photographed by the media may direct their student accordingly.

Council employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Council policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

Parents/guardians will be advised of the Council's media access to student policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the student/parent handbook.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records; Confidentiality)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-213 Access to public records. Exempt records.

10-209 Records not to be public.

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438, 20 U.S.C. Sec 1232g (1988).

Title I - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act. (PL 105-17)

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