

Board Policy: Community Relations #108



PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Purpose

The property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by UPCS are not open for assembly, speech, or other activities as are the public streets, sidewalks, parks and other public places. UPCS's legal duty to operate and maintain a safe and secure campus requires that the time, place, and manner of assembly, speech, and other activities on UPCS premises be regulated. Accordingly, it is against Charter School policy for anyone to solicit, peddle, canvass, or otherwise engage in contacting Charter School faculty, staff, or students for any purpose not specifically approved in advance by the UPCS Board or its designee.

Solicitation on Campus

1. The term *solicitation* shall mean (1) the sale, lease, rental or offer for sale, lease, rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service, whether for immediate or future delivery; (2) an oral statement or the distribution or display of printed material, merchandise, or products designed to encourage the purchase, use, or rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service; (3) an oral or written appeal or request to support or join an organization other than a registered student, faculty, or staff organization; (4) the receipt of or request for any gift or contribution; or (5) the request to support or oppose or to vote for or against a candidate, issue, or proposition appearing on a ballot at any election held pursuant to state or federal law or local ordinances.
2. To cooperate in publicizing community services, special events, and public meetings of interest to students and parents/guardians, the UPCS Board or its designee will approve or reject the distribution and/or posting of printed materials to students and/or through UPCS which extend the community's cultural, recreational, artistic, or service educational opportunities.

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3. Materials to be distributed shall not include any which:
 - a. Are obscene, libelous, slanderous, or which incite students to commit unlawful acts, violate UPCS's policies, procedures, and rules, or disrupt UPCS's orderly operations.
 - b. Discriminate on the basis of the characteristics listed in Education Code Section 220 (actual or perceived disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics).
 - c. Attack or disparage any group or person based upon sex, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, or disability.
 - d. Request students or other family members to contribute in any way to the funds of, or become members of, or to work for, any organization not directly under the control of Charter School authorities, unless the organization is a nonpartisan, charitable organization organized for charitable purposes by an act of Congress or under the laws of the State of California, the purpose of the solicitation is nonpartisan and charitable and the solicitation has been approved by UPCS governing board or designee. To qualify as an organization exempted in this Section, the organization must present to the UPCS governing board or designee written evidence from the Internal Revenue Service that the organization has been granted tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(a) or as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Solicitation must be conducted only in an area designated by the UPCS governing board or designee. Any person soliciting on behalf of such organizations must have credentials identifying him or her as authorized agents of the organization. Permission to solicit may not be used by the organization as an endorsement of UPCS.
 - e. Express support for or against specific political campaigns, issues, or activities, including statewide ballot initiatives and other ballot measures
 - f. Express support for or against a specific religion or religious viewpoint, church, or denomination.
4. Advertising of commercial products or services may be conducted only when prior approval has been granted by the UPCS Board or designee. In no event shall any material be distributed advertising alcohol or tobacco products or otherwise encouraging students to consume alcohol or tobacco products. Students shall not be asked or otherwise be required to distribute commercial advertising materials.

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5. No handbills or fliers shall be distributed or placed in/or on cars parked on UPCS premises. No loudspeakers are to be used at any time during class hours.

Permission Procedures

1. All materials to be distributed or posted shall first be submitted to the UPCS Board or designee for approval. All materials shall bear the name and contact location of the sponsoring organization.
2. Materials which have not been approved by UPCS Board or designee shall be removed if posted. Any person distributing materials that have not been approved by the UPCS Board or designee shall cease distribution immediately upon demand by a Charter School official.
3. Persons wishing to distribute information on Charter School property must request permission and scheduling from the Executive Director or designee.

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