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The Chancellor will establish student news media procedures that recognize the exercise of free expression by students upon the premises of each community college maintained by the District. Such procedures shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, except that expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous according to current legal standards, incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on community college premises, violates lawful community college regulations, or causes substantial disruption of community college operations.

See Administrative Procedure AP 4500.

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Philosophy

Student news media are any news/feature publications issued under the Colleges, funded by the District, and produced by students as an integral part of instruction in journalism. They may include, but are not limited to, student news productions online, in print, and broadcast journalism when produced under the advisement of a campus-appointed student news media advisor, or under the advisement of a campus-appointed student news media advisor and the auspices of a student editorial board. The term "editorial" refers to all content other than advertising.

Student news media, as laboratory publications of the journalism curriculum, shall provide vehicles to train students for careers in the media and mass communications. Student news media shall also serve the Colleges in the Ventura County Community College District by reporting the news, including college events and activities, providing a forum for comment and criticism, and encouraging free expression as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Student news media are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion on college campuses. Student news media shall exercise editorial freedom in order to maintain their integrity as vehicles for free inquiry and free expression in the VCCCD community. At the same time, the editorial freedom of the college news media shall entail corollary responsibilities.

Each student news medium is published as a learning experience. The editorial and advertising materials published in each news medium, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student staff. An editorial board will be formed, and written editorial policies developed to guide the student news media organization. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions, these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. These procedures are adopted so as to encourage a responsible exercise of such freedom.