

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Albemarle County School Board believes that an effective public information program is essential to the successful operation of all schools and the delivery of a high quality education to all students. The Board supports a public information program that provides timely, accurate and relevant information to the community about the needs, operations, programs and achievements of the division and that promotes informed community involvement regarding programs and activities in the schools and regarding Board policies.

~~The community shall be kept informed regarding the educational program provided for the instruction of all students, since the schools touch the lives of all persons in the community. The Board shall establish a public information program to keep itself and the public informed regarding the policies, administration, program, operation, needs, and objectives of the schools.~~

Since school publications, web sites and social media are primary means ~~one means~~ by which such information is provided to the public, all such communication vehicles shall receive the public evaluates the schools, publications shall receive careful faculty supervision and approval by the principal/designee to ensure information provided is timely, accurate and relevant to the community and to ~~as well as approval of the principal to ensure its compliance with acceptable~~ journalistic standards. ~~of content and journalism.~~

The division's central office shall release, upon request, ~~In general, the central office shall release~~ all public records that are not exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act or otherwise confidential or protected under law.

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