

HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

PUBLICATION OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS AND IMAGES

The Hopkinton School Committee recognizes that parents and guardians have the right to restrict the public display of photographs and electronic images of their son/daughter. This includes images posted on bulletin boards or appearing in any form of print or electronic media. The School Committee also recognizes that students eighteen years old or older have the right to determine these restrictions for themselves. However, this policy shall not limit the right to publish photographs of any student participating in school sports, school plays or concerts or other activities in the public domain.

Students' addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, or any other personal information will not be included with any photos posted or posted or published in print or electronic media by the district or Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association (HPTA).

If a photo is posted or published contrary to intent of this policy, the school principal shall be immediately notified. The Principal and/or Superintendent of Schools will immediately make every reasonable effort to cease publication or withdraw the photo(s) from display.

At the beginning of each school year, each school will provide a form to all parents or guardians and students who have reached the age of eighteen that they may sign to indicate that the publication of images is to be restricted. Parents, guardians, or eighteen year old students must return the form in order to request restriction. If the form is not signed and returned, the schools are free to post or publish images. This form may be submitted later in the school year if a reason for a photo restriction occurs after the start of school.

This policy shall be included in each school's handbook.

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Second Reading	
Third Reading	
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Legal References	
Policy Cross Reference	
Procedure Reference	JDR-1 Restriction of Publication of Student Photographs or Images