

RJ Voice Editorial Policy

The RJ Voice and RJ Live are student-run publications of RJHS.

The RJ Voice and RJ Live operate as a limited-forum* for student expression. The publications are for the students, by the students.

The content and character of these student publications will cater to and reflect the student body's interests and ideas by covering a wide variety of events and issues concerning student life at RJHS. The publications will also cover events, news, and issues outside of the school community as determined by the student newspaper staffs.

The newspaper will also serve as a medium for student opinions and ideas. Our staff strives to produce objective, well-balanced and accurate reporting and content that features a range of students, their interests, and their viewpoints. The staff is dedicated to being fair, accurate, truthful, and responsible. The staff will seek the truth and report it, minimize harm, and act independently. We promise to be transparent, accountable, and open.

The student editors will have final say in the content of the publications.

The publications adviser will not act as a censor or have final say in determining the content of the newspaper. Rather, the adviser will teach journalistic skills and guide the students in making sound legal and ethical decisions and in producing quality journalism. The publications adviser is the faculty member who teaches the journalism courses and advises the newspaper and broadcasting clubs.

School officials, administration or faculty and staff, likewise, shall not have prior review or decision-making influence or capabilities when it comes to the content of the publication with the exception of the following cases.* The publication is an open forum except when limited by the following cases. In the following cases, prior review and prior restraint may be acceptable *only* by the school president and the divisional principals. The student editors will work closely with the divisional principals and the school president to make content decisions in these cases.

1. Obituaries
2. Crimes and situations that are currently in the court of law
3. Termination of employees

The following content is not authorized in any student publication in any way, shape, or form:

1. Expression which is obscene;
2. Expression which is libelous, slanderous, or defamatory under state law;
3. Expression which is false as to any person who is not a public figure or involved in a matter of public concern; or
4. Expression which creates a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts (as defined by state or federal law), the violation of school regulations, or the material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or which violates the rights to others privacy or that threatens violence or property to persons.

The RJ Voice and RJ Live will not publish any material that is a violation of copyright.

The views of columnists are not necessarily those of the newspaper staff. Opinions will be published on designated pages or otherwise marked.

Letters to the editor are welcome and encouraged, but will only be published in the newspaper if they are accompanied by a name and signature. Letters should be short and free of "bashing" or obscenity. Letters to the editor do not reflect the views of the newspaper staff and will be marked on pages designated as such. The staff

reserves the right to edit letters for potentially libelous material and length. The staff will not edit letters for punctuation, grammar, and usage. Letters with issues will be returned to the submitter for further review.

The publications also welcome questions, comments, concerns, and complaints.

Submit letters to the editor to the editor-in-chief via email (voice@regisjesuit.com), or in hard copy in the box in room 155 (boys division) and room 207 (girls division).

The staff can be reached anytime at voice@regisjesuit.com, in the publications rooms at the respective divisions, or by snail mail at: Attn: RJHS student newspaper, 6400 S. Lewiston Way, Aurora, CO, 80016