

RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Any request from civic institutions, charitable organizations, or special interest groups which involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to and by students, sending promotional materials home with students, graduation prizes, fund raising, and free teaching materials must be carefully reviewed to ensure that such activities promote student interests.

It is the policy of the Board of Education that students, staff members, and District facilities not be used for promoting the interests of any nonschool agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the Board or its designee; and any such approval, granted for whatever cause or group, shall not be construed as an endorsement of said cause or group by this Board.

A. Political Interests

All materials or activities proposed by outside political sources for student or staff use or participation shall be reviewed by the Superintendent on the basis of their educational contribution to part or all of the school program, benefit to students, and no such approval shall have the primary purpose of advancing the special interest of the proposing group.

The Board shall permit the use of educational materials, programs, and equipment which contains commercial messages providing the content of such messages and the manner of presentation has been approved by the Superintendent and is in compliance with the District's administrative guidelines.

In addition, the Board shall permit school organizations and/or school-affiliated groups to sell space in District facilities, on District property, or in District publications for the express purpose of advertising the products or services of a commercial organization, providing the content of such advertisements and the manner of their presentation has been approved by the Superintendent and is in compliance with the District's administrative guidelines.

B. Contests/Exhibits

The Board recognizes that contests, exhibits, and the like may benefit individual students or the District as a whole, but participation in such special activities may not:

1. make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff or students or upon the resources of the District;
2. involve any direct cost to the District;
3. interrupt the regular school program unless the student body as a whole derives benefit from such activities;
4. cause the participants to leave the School District, unless:
 - a. the Board's Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips - has been complied with in all aspects;
 - b. the parents of a minor student have granted their permission.

C. Distribution/Posting of Literature

No outside organization or staff member or student representing an outside organization may distribute or post literature on that organization's behalf on District property either during or after school hours without the permission and prior review of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines which ensure that:

1. establish criteria concerning distribution or posting of student materials;
2. address distribution or posting of materials employees wish to distribute on behalf of an employee organization in compliance with the terms of negotiated collective bargaining agreements;

3. prohibit the use of the District or school mail system by the community, students or staff for distribution of nonschool-related materials unless authorized by the Superintendent;
4. prohibit distribution of materials from any profit-making organization to students to take home to their parents unless authorized by the Superintendent.

D. Solicitation of Funds

Any outside organization or staff member representing an outside organization desiring to solicit funds on school property must receive permission to do so from the Superintendent.

Permission to solicit funds will be granted only to those organizations or individuals who meet the permission criteria established in the District's administrative guidelines. Solicitation must take place at such times and places and in such a manner as specified in the administrative guidelines. In accordance with Board Policy 5830, no District student may participate in the solicitation without the Superintendent's approval.

The Board disclaims all responsibility for the protection of, or accounting for, such funds.

Solicited funds are not to be deposited in any regular or special accounts of the District.

This policy does not apply to the raising of funds for District-sponsored or school-sponsored activities.

Use of the name, logo, or any assets of the District, including, but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks, is prohibited without the specific permission of the

Board.

Superintendent.

[OPTION #1]

The Board of Education does not permit or sanction the use of crowdfunding for District or specific school

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**programs or activities, including co-curricular or
extracurricular activities.**

[END OF OPTION #1]

OR

[x] [OPTION #2]

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extracurricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free appropriate public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval

(x) of the Superintendent.

OR

() of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

All crowdfunding activities are subject to the procedures/guidelines in AG 6605.

[END OF OPTION #2]

E. Prizes/Scholarship

The Board of Education is appreciative of the generosity of organizations which offer scholarships or prizes to deserving students in this District. But, in accepting the offer of such scholarships or prizes, the Board directs that these guidelines be observed:

1. No information either academic or personal shall be released from the student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or prize winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents of a student who is younger in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.
2. The type of scholarship or prize, the criteria for selection of the winner, and any restrictions upon it shall be approved by the principal.
3. The principal, together with a committee of staff members designated by the principal, may be involved in the selection of the recipient and, if agreeable to the sponsoring organization, the selection shall be left entirely to the principal and staff committee.

F. Surveys and Questionnaires

Neither District-related nor nondistrict-related organizations shall be allowed to administer a survey or questionnaire to students or staff unless the instrument and the proposed plan is submitted, in advance, to the Superintendent. If approved, a copy of the results and the proposed manner of their communication are to be provided to him/her for review and approval before they are released.

Students shall not be required to complete surveys to provide marketing information to vendors, or distribute to vendors any personal information of students, including but not limited to names, addresses, and telephone numbers, except as may be required by law. In addition, the District shall not enter into any contract for products or services, including electronic media services, where personal information will be collected from the students by the providers of the services.

See also Policy 2416 and AG 2416.

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