

Community Relations

Participation in Community Activities by School-Sponsored Groups and Individual Students

School-sponsored student groups and individual students may not participate in community activities designed to promote a candidate, candidates, a particular ideology, or personal and private commercial interests.

Requests for school-sponsored student groups and individual students to participate in community activities that primarily do not serve either political or private commercial interests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent, and shall be in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The request to participate in any program, parade, contest, or activity sponsored by a political party for the purpose of promoting a candidate, candidates, or a particular ideology shall be denied.
The request for the President of the United States shall be granted. Requests for a candidate for the presidency shall be granted if within four months of the presidential election.
2. The request to participate in any program, parade, contest, or activity sponsored by private individuals or groups solely for the purpose of promoting personal and private commercial interests shall be denied.
3. The request to participate in a community program, parade, contest, or activity that primarily does not serve either political or private commercial interests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
4. The request shall always be denied if participation is inimical to the best interest of the students' educational advancement.
5. The request to participate in any non-school sponsored program, parade, contest, or activity which may be approved is defined as follows:
 - A. Community Groups and Organizations
Participation in programs, parades, contests, or activities which may not be included in the above classification shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Education.
 - B. Other requests
Each request for the participation of the school in such non-school sponsored activities shall be approved or rejected by the Principal of the school.
Each such request approved by the Principal of the school shall be filed in the office of the Superintendent at least two weeks in advance of the expected participation in the program, parade, contest, or special activity for his/her consideration and final approval.

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