

Community Relations

Pupil Participation in Civic and Community Affairs

The Board of Education recognizes that worthy educational values may be served by pupil participation in civic and community affairs. When considering a request that pupils be exposed to advertising or promotion of the interests of any non-school agency or organization, the administration shall consider the need to protect pupils from possible exploitation. In making a determination on any such request, the administration shall use the criteria set forth below to make a decision.

1. The schools may cooperate in furthering the work of any non-school agency or organization, provided that such cooperation does not restrict or impair the educational program of the schools.
2. The Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, announce or authorize to be announced any lecture, community activity or film of particular educational merit.

School groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications:

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product. The school name, the names of the school-sponsored group or school equipment shall not be exploited in events of a commercial nature.
2. Events that are proselytizing any political partisan interest.
3. Events that are proselytizing any religious concern, whether sectarian or non-sectarian in nature.
4. Events that cause undue amount of interference with the regular school program, or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation.
5. In questionable cases, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Education.

Distribution of Materials by Charitable Organizations

Upon approval by the Superintendent, information from charitable and other community based organizations which could eventually result in voluntary student and/or parental activities, contributions, or memberships of benefit to the organization may be distributed through the schools. In these instances, the distribution of materials (flyers) would be the only involvement on behalf of the organization.

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