

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NONSCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/
GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS

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913. NONSCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS	
<p><u>1. Purpose</u></p> <p><u>Pol. 220</u></p> <p><u>Po. 105, 122, 230</u></p>	<p>Any requests from nonschool organizations, groups or individuals seeking to have students participate in or be informed of the opportunity to participate in nonschool-sponsored activities such as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to or by students, scholarships or awards, fundraising, or disseminating literature/materials shall be governed by this policy, and must be examined to ensure that such activities primarily promote student interests, rather than the special interests of any particular group.</p> <p><u>NOTE: It is important to distinguish that Policy 913 only applies to requests from nonschool organizations, groups and individuals; in contrast, requests from students to personally distribute or post materials shall be governed by Policy 220-Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials.</u></p> <p><u>The Board recognizes that nonschool organizations, groups and individuals may wish to utilize the district as a means to engage the school community in activities and/or to distribute or post nonschool materials. The Board directs that requests for such utilization from nonschool organizations, groups or individuals shall be governed by this policy.</u></p> <p><u>Activities or school-related information and materials from nonschool organizations, groups and individuals that are integrated with or presented as part of the district's curriculum or an approved school event or student organization are approved and governed by Board policies related to curriculum and student activities, and are not governed by this policy.</u></p> <p>Nonschool organizations, groups or individuals shall mean those entities that are not part of the school program, school-sponsored activities, or organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or Board policy. When employees or Board members act on behalf of a nonschool organization or group, or on their own behalf, this policy applies to them. Students are governed by a separate and distinct Board policy regarding student expression and distribution and posting of materials.</p> <p>Nonschool materials shall mean any printed, technological or written materials prepared by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distributions that are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved</p>
<p>2. Definitions</p> <p>Pol. 220</p>	<p>Nonschool organizations, groups or individuals shall mean those entities that are not part of the school program, school-sponsored activities, or organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or Board policy. When employees or Board members act on behalf of a nonschool organization or group, or on their own behalf, this policy applies to them. Students are governed by a separate and distinct Board policy regarding student expression and distribution and posting of materials.</p> <p>Nonschool materials shall mean any printed, technological or written materials prepared by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distributions that are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved</p>

<p>3. Authority Pol. 707</p>	<p>extracurricular programs of the district. This includes such things as fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, nonschool organization websites and the like.</p> <p>Distribution shall mean issuing nonschool written materials to others on school property or during school-sponsored events; placing upon desks, tables, on or in lockers; or engaging in any other manner of delivery of nonschool written materials to others while on school property or during school functions. When email, text messaging or other technological delivery is used as a means of distributing or accessing nonschool written materials via use of school equipment or while on school property or at school functions, it shall be governed by this policy.</p> <p>Posting shall mean publicly displaying nonschool written materials on school property or at school-sponsored events, including but not limited to affixing such materials to walls, doors, bulletin boards, easels, the outside of lockers, on district-sponsored websites, through other district-owned technology and the like.</p> <p>Prohibited activities and materials shall mean activities and materials that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane. 2. Violate federal, state or local laws. 3. Violate Board policy or district administrative regulations. 4. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and serious danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco/nicotine, alcohol or illegal drugs. 5. Incite violence, advocate use of force or threaten serious harm to the school or community. 6. Are likely to or do materially or substantially interfere with the educational process, such as school activities, school work, or discipline, as well as safety and order on school property or at school functions. 7. Interfere with or advocate interference with the rights of any individual or the orderly operation of the schools and their programs. 8. Violate written district administrative regulations or procedures on time, place and manner for posting and distribution of otherwise protected expression. <p>It is the policy of the Board that school district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in Board policy.</p>
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<p>SC 510, 511</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that the school community may benefit from receiving information from nonschool organizations, groups and individuals, provided the distribution and posting of such information does not interfere with the educational program of the schools. The district's primary responsibility shall be to maintain a safe and orderly school environment and to protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promotion ing by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals during instructional time or at school-sponsored locations or events not otherwise open to non-school organizations, groups or individuals.</p> <p>The Board directs that the review and consideration of any activities or nonschool materials requested under this policy shall not discriminate on the basis of content or viewpoint.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p><u>The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</u></p> <p>All materials or activities proposed by outside sources for use by, participation in, or distribution to students or staff members shall be subject to prior review by the Superintendent on the basis of educational value to the school program, appropriateness and potential benefit to students, and factual accuracy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Nonschool Materials</u></p> <p><u>Nonschool organizations, groups or individuals who wish to distribute or post non-school materials on school property shall submit their request to the Superintendent.</u></p> <p><u>If approval is granted, the non-school organization, group or individual shall comply with Board policy and administrative regulations, and the district's time, manner and place restrictions for distribution and posting of materials.</u></p> <p><u>Materials issued by non-school organizations, groups or individuals shall not be distributed during instructional time or school-sponsored activities.</u></p> <p><u>Nonschool Activities</u>Materials</p> <p>The Board recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals, but specifies that unreasonable demands on the time and energies of students and staff by such entities during school hours, or at school-sponsored activities be prevented.</p>

<p>— Pol. 121</p> <p>SC 775</p> <p><u>Pol. 216</u></p>	<p>Requests for student participation in nonschool organizations, groups or individually sponsored activities must be made in writing to the Superintendent or designee in accordance with administrative regulations, written announcements and this policy.</p> <p>Activities sponsored by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals may not occur, and nonschool written materials may not be used, during instructional time or school-sponsored activities. unless they are of educational value to the school program, they benefit district students or the school community, and they are factually accurate. Prohibited activities or materials may never be used.</p> <p><u>Requests by non-school organizations, groups or individuals to invite or promote student participation in non-school activities shall comply with Board policy and administrative regulations on distribution and posting of materials.</u></p> <p>Where the nonschool entity is a for-profit entity that will benefit commercially from an activity or distribution of its material during instructional time, other factors must outweigh the commercial benefit to the nonschool entity; and the Board must approve proposals that would commercially benefit a for-profit entity.</p> <p>A review of any activities or nonschool written materials under this policy shall not discriminate on the basis of content or viewpoint, except that prohibited activities or materials will be rejected, as will any activities or materials that do not comply with Board policy, administrative regulations, or written announcements relating to the proposed nonschool-sponsored activity or materials.</p> <p>Participating students may not leave the school district unless the Board policy for field trips has been followed or the Board has granted special permission.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Fundraising by non-school organizations, groups or individuals without authorization by the Superintendent is prohibited on school property. Fundraising using the name of the school without authorization of the Superintendent is prohibited.</p> <p>Where activities or materials otherwise comply with this policy, administrative regulations and written announcements, fundraising activities may be announced.</p> <p>Directory information regarding students or staff may only be released in accordance with law and Board policy. Directory information for students or staff members will not be released to non-school organizations, groups or individuals that seek this information for the purpose of fundraising</p> <p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></p>
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<p>Pol. 216</p>	<p>The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships or awards to deserving students; but, in accepting such offers, the Board directs that established guidelines be observed.</p> <p>No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student’s record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or award 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.</p> <p>All pertinent information regarding the proposed scholarship or award shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent and/or designee prior to the date on which it is to be presented.</p> <p>The building principal, together with a committee of staff members designated by the principal, shall be involved in the selection of the recipient of an award or scholarship, pursuant to procedures established for this purpose and consistent with the restrictions applicable to each approved scholarship or award.</p> <p><u>Travel Services/Foreign Trips</u></p> <p>Solicitation and sale of travel services for foreign trips to students may be permitted with the approval of the Superintendent.</p> <p>Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:</p> <p>Provide proof of insurance.</p> <p>Submit references.</p> <p>Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances will be prohibited.</p> <p>Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 775, 779</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, <u>105</u>, 121<u>122</u>, 216, 220, <u>230</u>, 707, <u>907</u></p> <p>NOTE: When a student requests to personally distribute or post materials or originates other activities described in this policy, Board Policy 220 Student Expression/Distribution And Posting Of Materials will be used to regulate district</p>
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