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TITLE: RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
NONSCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/ GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS

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EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>913. <u>RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</u> <u>913. NONSCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS</u></p> <p>Any requests from <u>civienonschool organizations, groups or individuals -or special interest groups seeking to have students participate in or be informed of the opportunity to participate in nonschool-sponsored-that involve</u> activities such as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to or by students, scholarships <u>or awards</u>, fundraising, or disseminating literature/materials <u>shall be governed by this policy and</u> must be examined to ensure that such activities primarily promote student interests, rather than the special interests of any particular group.</p>
<p><u>2. Definitions</u> <u>Pol. 220</u></p>	<p><u>Nonschool organizations, groups or individuals - 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.</u></p> <p><u>Nonschool materials - any printed or written materials prepared by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distribution which are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved extracurricular programs of the district. This includes such things as fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, nonschool organization websites and the like.</u></p> <p><u>Distribution - handing 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.</u></p> <p><u>Posting - 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.</u></p>

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<p>23. Authority Pol. 707 <u>SC 510, 511</u></p>	<p><u>Prohibited activities and materials</u> - activities and materials which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Are libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane.</u> 2. <u>Violate federal, state or local laws.</u> 3. <u>Violate Board policy or district administrative regulations.</u> 4. <u>Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.</u> 5. <u>Incite violence.</u> 6. <u>Advocate use of force or urge violation of federal, state or municipal law, Board policy or district administrative regulations.</u> 7. <u>Interfere with or advocate interference with the rights of any individual or the orderly operation of the schools and their programs.</u> <p>It is the policy of the Board that school district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in Board policy.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting nonschool organizations. The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting 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>34. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. <u>Guidelines</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><u>Nonschool Activities/Materials</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>

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<p><u>Pol. 121</u></p> <p><u>4. Guidelines</u> <u>SC 775</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Fundraising by <u>outside-non-school organizations, groups or individuals</u> 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><u>Where activities or materials otherwise comply with this policy, administrative regulations and written announcements, fundraising activities may be announced.</u></p> <p><u>Directory information regarding students or staff may only be released in accordance with law and Board policy. Director 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</u></p> <p>Staff members shall not release the names, addresses, or telephone numbers of students or staff members to any outside individual or agency for fundraising purposes.</p>
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Scholarships/Awards

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.

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.

~~The type of scholarship or award, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Board.~~

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.

~~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.~~

Travel Services/Foreign Trips

Solicitation and sale of travel services for foreign trips to students may be permitted with the approval of the Superintendent.

Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:

Provide proof of insurance.

Submit references.

Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances will be prohibited.

Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.

Dissemination of Literature/Materials

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Comment [DW1]: Certain scholarships are written as to allow school officials to choose the scholarship/award winner based on established criteria for eligibility. Other scholarships are written to be sent off to the individual scholarship committee panel/group for their selection of recipient.

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~~The school district permits the posting of signs or posters, and the distribution of literature within the school or on school grounds within guidelines established by the Superintendent and the limitations imposed by this policy.~~

~~Requests from non-profit, service-oriented organizations to distribute or post materials in the school should be made to the Superintendent who will review materials on the basis of educational value to the school program, appropriateness and potential benefit to students, and factual accuracy.~~

~~All denied requests may be sent, in writing, to the Board for their consideration.~~

School Directory and Students' Names

~~Schools receive a large number of requests and appeals from many sources, under the guise of an educational service, for lists of students and teachers and personal information about them.~~

~~The school district has an obligation to teachers, students and their parents to regard such information as personal and confidential and to afford all possible security against exploitation and solicitation.~~

~~Principals, school administrators, and staff members shall refrain from issuing all such lists and personal information, except where required by law, or by contract agreement. Parents must make a request in writing to the school principal that their child's name not be provided to required organizations.~~

Outside Organizations

~~Outside organizations shall be allowed to address groups of students upon approval of the school principal. In all cases, the school principal should be made aware of the organization's visit and the purpose and subject of the program.~~

References:

School Code – P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 775, 779

Board Policy – 000, 121, 216, 220, 707

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 decisions and actions.

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