

***Wayne County Board of Education
Policies Update: (Relations) (1)***

- ***Policy 9700 (Relations: Relations with Outside Groups)***

***Your comments concerning these policy should be sent
in writing (mail or email) to:***

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9700 - RELATIONS WITH OUTSIDE GROUPS

Any requests from civic institutions, charitable organizations, special interest groups or others ~~which~~ that involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to and by students, promotional or informational materials for students, graduation prizes, fund-raising, and free teaching materials must be carefully reviewed by the Superintendent ~~or his/her designee~~.

It is the policy of the Board of Education that students, staff members, and District facilities shall not be used for commercial advertising or 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. Patriotic Societies

The Board of Education believes that students should be made aware of opportunities available through patriotic societies to further students' educational interests and civic involvement that will better their schools, communities, and themselves.

A **patriotic society** means any youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. Those listed in Title 36 include but are not limited to the following: Big Brother Big Sisters of America; Boy Scouts of America; Boys & Girls Clubs of America; Future Farmers of America; Girl Scouts of the United States; and Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

The principal of each public school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the opportunity to speak with and recruit students during school hours to participate in the organization. Student participation is voluntary and must not interfere with instructional learning.

The patriotic society must notify the Board of Education of its intent to speak to the students. Upon approval from the Board of Education, the patriotic society shall provide verbal or written notice to the principal, who shall provide verbal or written approval of the specific day and time for the society to address the students.

B. ☒ Commercial Interests

~~[-]~~ Outside speakers representing commercial organizations will be permitted only with the approval of the building administrator and when the commercial aspect is limited to naming the organization represented and the subject matter advances the educational goals of the District.

C. ☐ Political Materials

~~[-]~~ No political advertisements or other partisan materials shall be permitted for use in curricular or co-curricular programs; however, professional personnel may use political materials if the use is not for partisan purposes, the use relates to approved curriculum and the use has been approved, in advance, by the building administrator.

D. 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. ☒ have the primary effect of advancing a special product, group, or company;
2. ☒ make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff or students or upon the resources of the District;
3. ☒ involve any direct cost to the District;
4. ☒ interrupt the regular school program;
5. ☒ cause the participants to leave the District unless:
 - a. ☒ the Board's Policy for Field and Other District sponsored Trips – has been complied with in all aspects;
 - b. ☒ the Board has approved the trip; and
 - c. ☒ the parents of any minor students have granted their permission.

E. Distribution/Posting of Literature

~~1.~~ 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 except at the times and in the locations established for any such activity at each school or other District school facility and, further, () without the permission and prior review of the () Superintendent. () principal. () Board. **[end of option]**

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines ~~which that~~ ensure compliance with the Equal Access Act and related State policies.

1. ☒ The school mail system is not used by students or staff for distribution of nonschool-related materials.
2. ☒ No materials from any profit-making organization are distributed for students to take home to their parents.

☒ unless authorized by the Superintendent.
3. ☒ The time, place, and manner of distribution of all nonschool-related materials is clearly established and communicated.

Any literature distributed or posted pursuant to this policy shall contain the following disclaimer:

"Neither the Wayne Board of Education nor any of its agents or employees sponsor or endorse this club/group/organization. The views expressed may or may not reflect those of the District or school administration are neither approved nor disapproved by them."

E. Solicitation of Funds

The Board of Education shall not permit any organization not related to the District to solicit funds on District property.

Permission to solicit funds will be granted only to those organizations or individuals who meet the permission criteria established in the Board's administrative guidelines. Solicitation must take place at such times and places and in such a manner as specified in the administrative guidelines.

- ☒ 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.
- ☒ A copy of this policy as well as the relevant administrative guidelines shall be given to any individual granted permission to solicit funds on District property.
- ☒ 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 programs or activities, including co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.

[END OF OPTION #1]

[OR]

☐] [OPTION #2]

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extra-curricular 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 ☐ 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]

F. Prizes/Scholarship

The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations ~~which that~~ 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) years of age, or the parents of a student who has not reached the age of majority 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 ☐ Board of Education. ☐ Superintendent. ☐ 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.

G. Sale of School Supplies

In determining the appropriateness of the sale of school supplies by organizations other than the District, the Board requires that:

1. ☒) the organization has a purpose which will benefit the District and its students;
2. ☒) the organization's planned activities are clearly in the best interest of the District and its students;
3. ☒) the organization has submitted the following information and assurances on the form provided by the District: a statement noting the purpose of the organization, financial accountability assurances, and use of facility assurances.

All funds generated by the sale of such school supplies shall be kept separate from other activity funds or other transactions of the Board.

H. 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.

WV Code 18-2-44

WV Code 18-5-13

20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq.

20 U.S.C. 1232

United States Code, Title 56

West Virginia State Board of Education policy 4350

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