

Policy 9700 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Board of Education recognizes that the contributions of persons and organizations outside the schools may from time to time take the form of materials, activities, and awards that tend to serve the interests of the contributor as well as benefit the school district generally and pupils individually.

The Board reserves the right to review all such proposed contributions and to reject those that have the primary effect of advancing the name, product, or special interest of a person, corporation, or organization; fail to meet district standards of accuracy and good taste; are of little or no educational value to pupils; make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff and pupils or upon the resources of the district; interrupt or interfere with the regular school program; or involve a direct cost to the district.

The approval of the use of any material or the conduct of any activity offered by an agency outside the schools shall not under any circumstances be construed as an endorsement by this Board of any interest, cause, or organization.

Pupils, staff members, or the facilities of the school, may not be used in any manner for advertising or promoting the interest of any community or non-school agency or organization without the approval of the Board.

Permission to solicit funds on school premises will be granted only to those persons and organizations whose purposes are consonant with the goals of this district and the interests of the community. Solicitation may not interfere with the orderly operation of the schools. The Board will not be responsible for the protection of or accounting for such funds, nor may any such funds be deposited in any district account.

Campaigns or Activities for Raising Money

Pupils shall not be requested on, in or about the school property to participate in any organized campaign to raise funds for any outside organization or purpose, nor may teachers permit such campaigns or drives within their classrooms.

The Board forbids the distribution of political literature to or through the pupils of this district; further, no pupil under the jurisdiction of this Board shall be requested or directed to engage in any activity that tends to promote, favor, or oppose a candidate for political office or a public question submitted at any election.

The Board forbids the distribution to pupils on school premises of literature or material that tends to advance or is inimical to the interests of a religious sect or religion generally.

The Board will permit the award of scholarships or prizes to deserving pupils provided that information regarding pupils is released only in accordance with Policy No. 8330 on pupil records, the manner of selection of the recipient is approved by the Board and

includes consultation with appropriate staff members, the nature of the prize or award is approved by the Board, and the Board determines the manner of presentation.

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-3; 18A:42-4

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