

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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# SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

913. RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS	
1. Purpose	Any requests from civic organizations or special interest groups that involve activities such as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to or by students, scholarships, fundraising, or disseminating literature/materials must be examined to ensure that such activities primarily promote student interests, rather than the special interests of any particular group.
2. Authority SC 775 Pol. 707	It is the policy of the Board that district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in Board policy.  <b>The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting nonschool organizations.</b>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	All materials or activities proposed by outside sources for use by, participation in, or <b>distribution to</b> students or staff members shall be subject to prior review by the Superintendent or designee on the basis of educational value to the school program, <b>benefit to students, commercial benefit to the proposing group and</b> factual accuracy.
<del>4. Guidelines</del>	<u>Community Activities Involving Students</u>  The Board recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by community organizations but specifies that unreasonable demands on the time and energies of students and staff be prevented.  Requests for student participation in community-sponsored activities must be made in writing to the Superintendent or designee.  The school schedule may not be interrupted unless the majority of students involved benefit from participation.  <b>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.</b>
Pol. 121	

<p>Pol. 216</p>	<p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Fundraising by outside groups and faculty is prohibited on school property or in the name of the school.</p> <p>Any staff member wishing to solicit funds on school property or in the name of the school district must receive permission from the Board.</p> <p>Funds solicited for special purposes are not to be commingled with regular or special accounts of the district.</p> <p>This policy does not apply to fundraising for district-sponsored activities.</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> <p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></p> <p>The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships or <b>awards</b> to deserving students; but, in accepting such offers, the Board directs that established guidelines be observed.</p> <p><b>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/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.</b></p> <p>The type of scholarship or <b>award</b>, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Board.</p> <p>All pertinent information regarding the proposed scholarship or award shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent <b>or designee prior to the date on which it is to be presented.</b></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.</p>
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**Dissemination Of Literature/Materials**

Only literature and materials directly related to school district activities or contribute significantly to district instructional programs may be disseminated to or through students and staff members.

District schools shall not be used to publish or disseminate literature or survey forms of partisan, sectarian or political organizations of any type.

Distribution of literature relevant to community welfare is permitted when prior approval is granted by the Superintendent or designee.

The Board prohibits posting and distributing on school property any literature or material that:

1. Is political in nature.
2. Promotes or denigrates a particular religion or religious practice.
3. Is derogatory toward any ethnic, religious or racial group.
4. Promotes or encourages hostility, disorder, violence, or disregard for violation of legal obligations.
5. Primarily promotes commercial enterprises.
6. Is libelous, or interferes with or advocates interference with the rights of any individual or the operation of the schools.
7. Promotes use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or paraphernalia.
8. Is obscene or pornographic in the context of being inconsistent with prevailing standards.
9. Is not in the best interest of the students, staff or schools, in the opinion of the Superintendent or designee.

**Travel Services/Foreign Trips**

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

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

- 1. Belong to an association of certified sellers of travel.**
- 2. Provide proof of insurance.**
- 3. Submit references.**
- 4. Provide proof of a performance bond.**
- 5. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances will be prohibited.**
- 6. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.**