

BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NON-SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/
INDIVIDUALS

ADOPTED: MAY 28, 2009

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| <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Pol. 105, 122, 230</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>SC 510, 511</p> <p>3. Definitions</p> <p>Pol. 220</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">913. NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Activities or school-related information and materials from nonschool organizations, groups and individuals that are integrated with or presented as a 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.</p> <p>Any requests from non school organizations, groups or individuals seeking to have students participate in or be informed of the opportunity to participate in non school sponsored activities, awards or scholarships shall be governed by this policy.</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 advertisement or promotion by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals during instructional time or at school-sponsored locations or activities not otherwise open to nonschool 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>Non-school 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</p> |
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| | <p>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. This policy applies to employees, students or Board members who act on behalf of a non-school organization or group, or on their own behalf.</p> <p>Non-school materials shall mean any printed, technological or written materials prepared by non-school organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distribution which that are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved extracurricular programs of the district, including but not limited to, This includes such things as flyers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, non-school organization websites and the like.</p> <p>Distribution shall mean handing issuing non-school 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 non-school written materials to others while on school property or during school functions. When e-mail, text messaging or other technological delivery is used as a means of distributing or accessing non-school 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 non-school 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: which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violate federal, state or local laws, Board policy or district rules or regulations. 2. Are libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane. Violate Board policy or district regulations 3. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial serious danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco/nicotine, alcohol or illegal drugs 4. Incite violence, advocate use of force or threaten serious harm to the school or community. 5. 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 |
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| <p>Authority SC 775 Pol. 707</p> <p>SC 510</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> | <p>and order on school property or at school functions. Advocate use of force or urge violation of federal, state or municipal law, Board policy or district regulations</p> <p>6. Interfere with, or advocate interference with, the rights of any individual or the safe and orderly operation of the schools and their programs.</p> <p>7. Violate written district administrative regulations or procedures on time, place and manner for posting and distribution of otherwise protected expression.</p> <p>It is the policy of the Board that 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 non school 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 Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy, unless otherwise specifically noted in this policy.</p> <p><u>Non-School Activities/Materials</u></p> <p>The Board requires that recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by non-school organizations, groups or individuals who wish to distribute or post non-school materials on school property shall submit them to the building principal. The building principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee of requests received from non-school 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>If approval is granted by the building principal, the nonschool 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.</p> <p>Materials issued by non-school organizations, groups or individuals shall not be distributed during instructional time or school-sponsored activities.</p> <p><u>Non-School Activities</u></p> <p>Activities sponsored by non-school organizations, groups or individuals may shall not occur, and non school written materials may not be used, during instructional</p> |
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| <p>Pol. 241</p> | <p>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>Requests for student participation in by non-school organization, groups or individually sponsored 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. must be made in writing to the Superintendent or designee in accordance with administrative procedures, written announcements and this policy.</p> <p>Where the non-school 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 non-school entity; and the Superintendent or designee must approve proposals that would commercially benefit a for-profit entity.</p> <p>A review of any activities or non-school 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 procedures, or written announcements relating to the proposed non-school-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 is prohibited on school property or in the name of the school.</p> <p>Where activities or materials otherwise comply with this policy and administrative procedures and written announcements, regulations, fundraising activities may be announced.</p> <p>Any staff member wishing to solicit funds on school property or in the name of the district must receive permission to do so from the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>Funds solicited for special purposes are not to be commingled with any regular or special accounts of the district.</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> |
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| <p>Pol. 216</p> | <p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></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 criteria 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/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.</p> <p>The scholarship or award, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>All pertinent information regarding the scholarship or award shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent or designee prior to the date on which it is to be presented.</p> <p><u>Travel Services/Foreign Trips/Other Non-School Sponsored Trips</u></p> <p>Solicitation and sale of travel services for foreign trips to students may be permitted with the approval of the Board. Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>All information provided to students and parents/guardians must state that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.</p> <p>Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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/nicotine, 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. |
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| | <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 775, 779</p> <p>Board Policy – 105, 122, 216, 220, 230, 907 241, 707</p> |
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