

Policy 5722 450 – School-Sponsored Publications and Productions Student Co- and Extra-curricular Activities

Revised policy and repeal of Policy 5820 (Student Government), Policy 5830 (Student Fundraising), Policy 5855 (Student Attendance at School Events), Policy 5860 (Safety Patrol), Policy 5880 (Public Performances by Students), Policy 5885 (Sounding of Taps at Funeral for Veterans), Policy 9190 (School Sponsored Vocational / Industrial / Technical Projects and Related Charges) effective upon passage

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Administrative Guidelines

(none)

The Board of Education sponsors various student activities as means to both extend the curricular program and expound into areas not covered by it.

School-Sponsored Publications and Productions

The Board of Education sponsors student publications and productions as means by which students learn, under adult direction/supervision, the rights and responsibilities inherent when engaging in the public expression of ideas and information in our democratic society.

For purposes of this policy, "school-sponsored student media" shall include both student publications and productions. "Student publications" shall include any written materials, (including, but not limited to, banners, flyers, posters, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, playbills, yearbooks, literary journals, books, and t-shirts and other school-sponsored clothing), as well as material in electronic or on-line form (including, but not limited to, websites, web logs ("blogs"), video or audio clips, and newsletters or announcements transmitted by e-mail, wireless broadcast or other similar distribution/dissemination). "Student productions" shall include vocal and theatrical performances, impromptu dramatic presentations, or any electronic media (including, but not limited to, radio and television programs, podcasts, and other video or audio productions that are recorded for re-broadcast or broadcast in real time using any available broadcast technology). Further, the term "publication" shall include distribution and dissemination of a student publication; and the term "performance" shall include presentation and broadcast of a student production.

The following speech is unprotected and prohibited in all school-sponsored student publications and productions: speech that is defamatory, libelous, obscene or harmful to juveniles; speech that is reasonably likely to cause substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities or the educational process; speech that infringes upon the privacy or rights of others; speech that violates copyright law; speech that promotes activities, products or services that are unlawful (illegal) as to minors as defined by State or Federal law; and speech that otherwise violates school policy and/or State or Federal law. The Board authorized the administration to engage in prior review and restraint of school-sponsored publications and productions to prevent the publication or performance of unprotected speech.

As limited-purpose public forums the student journalists or performers associated with the publications and/or productions listed above may address matters of concern and/or interest to their readers/viewers. These limited-purpose public forums are not open to the public at large and are not intended to address general matters of public concern. As limited-purpose public forums, school officials will not routinely and systematically restrict content of the

publications and/or productions listed above prior to their publication/performance; however, school officials may review the content and reject an article/publication/production due to one of the following ~~four (4)~~ reasons:

- A. where poor grammar or writing is evident;
- B. where a legitimate question of age appropriateness of the material exists;
- C. where matters beyond the limited scope of the forum are included; and/or
- D. where the content involves unprotected speech.

These publications and or productions shall contain a notice to the reader/viewer that the material, while school-sponsored, is student directed and subject only to limited prior review. Given these student publications and/or productions have been designated as limited-purpose public forums, the school assumes no liability for their content beyond that covered by the school officials' limited prior review. With editorial control comes responsibility. Student journalists and performers are expected to establish and enforce standards for their publications/productions that are consistent with professional journalism/theatrical/broadcast standards.

~~School-sponsored student media may not be published/performed outside the school community (i.e. publication/performance is limited to students, staff and parents/family members).~~

All other school-sponsored student publications and productions, including classroom and/or other curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular/club-related publications and/or productions, are nonpublic forums. As nonpublic forums, the content of these other student publications and productions can be regulated for legitimate pedagogical school-related reasons. School officials shall routinely and systematically review and, if necessary, restrict the content of all school-sponsored student media except those publications/productions listed above, prior to publication/performance in a reasonable manner that is neutral as to the viewpoint of the speaker.

Advertising is permitted in all school-sponsored student publications/productions.

Advertisements submitted for publication or inclusion in a production shall be reviewed by the building principal and/or the Superintendent for a determination that they are appropriate for juveniles. The Superintendent retains the final authority to determine whether an advertisement is appropriate and will be included in a publication/production. Advertisements may be rejected for legitimate pedagogical school-related reasons unrelated to the viewpoint of the advertiser (e.g., the advertisement encourages action that would endanger the health and safety of students).

General Prohibitions

Regardless of their status as non-public or limited-purpose public forums, the Board prohibits publications, productions and advertisements that:

- A. promote, favor, or oppose any candidate for election or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any election;
- B. fail to identify the student or organization responsible for the publication/performance;
- C. solicit funds for nonschool organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board.

Student Government

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self-government within the establishment of the schools.

Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the school principal and/or the Board.

The Board will recognize the student council as the official voice of the student body for students in grades 5-12 and for the purpose of:

- A. giving students practical experience in organizing, planning and, affecting outcomes;
- B. developing student leadership;
- C. providing a learning experience in democratic decision making;
- D. offering another avenue toward the realization of the goals of this County.

The Board, through its school principals, shall appoint a qualified member of the faculty to serve as advisor to student government activities.

Student Fundraising

The Board of Education acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from students by students must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and since such solicitation may disrupt the program of the schools.

For purposes of this policy, "student fundraising" shall include student solicitation and collection of money for any purpose, from any persons, including collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers, or any other goods or services.

The Board will permit student fundraising in school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event only when the profit therefrom is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the schools.

All proceeds from fundraisers conducted by a school are to be receipted and deposited intact into one of the school's depository accounts. Merchandise purchased for resale is to be purchased by checks issued for that purpose. The purchase invoices are to be retained as supporting documentation for the disbursements.

A profit and loss statement must be prepared and made available for public inspection for each fundraising activity conducted by a school that shows gross proceeds, cost of goods sold and net proceeds. All forms must be signed by both the preparer and the school principal.

In addition, certain fundraising activities are subject to the collection and remittance of consumers' sales tax.

Fundraising activities must be covered by liability insurance. The school board's Commercial General Liability Policy through the Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) generally includes elected or appointed officials, faculty members, employees, volunteers and student teachers acting within the scope of their duties, regardless of whether on school grounds. Volunteers must be acting on behalf of the school board and not a separate entity. Therefore, volunteers working for a school support organization with a separate FEIN number and/or IRS 501 (c)3 status may not be covered by the school board's policy but volunteers working for a school support organization that is not a separate legal entity and that runs all funds through the school are considered covered.

Use of the name, logo, or any assets of the ~~District Board~~, including, but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks, is prohibited without the specific permission of the Superintendent.

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extracurricular 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.

Student fundraising by approved school organizations may be permitted ~~in school by the principal. Student fundraising by approved school organizations either on or off school grounds may be permitted under administrative guidelines of the Superintendent.~~

All school support organizations must be approved, in advance, by ~~the school principal and the Board~~ in order to conduct fund raising activities in the name of a County school. In addition, the organization must ~~notify the school principal~~ obtain authorization from the Superintendent prior to each fundraising activity being held. A profit and loss statement shall be prepared for each fundraising activity conducted by a school support organization that shows gross proceeds, cost of goods sold and net proceeds.

~~These Superintendent's administrative guidelines should:~~

- ~~A. specify the times and places in which funds may be collected;~~
- ~~B. describe permitted methods of solicitation which do not place undue pressure on students;~~
- ~~C. limit the kind and amount of advertising for solicitation;~~
- ~~D. comply with all provisions of West Virginia State Board of Education policy 1224.1.~~

Advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any form of compensation or gift from vendors that might influence their selection of a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. Furthermore, advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any compensation or gifts from a vendor after a decision has been made regarding a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. In addition, advisors for approved school organizations who make the selection of a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser shall not enter into a contractual arrangement whereby an advisor receives compensation in any form from the vendor that provides a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser.

Such compensation includes, but is not limited to, cash, checks, stocks, or any other form of securities, and gifts such as televisions, microwave ovens, computers, discount certificates, travel vouchers, tickets, passes, and other such things of value. In the event that an advisor of an approved school organization receives such compensation, albeit unsolicited, from a vendor, the individual shall notify the Treasurer, in writing, that s/he received such compensation and shall thereafter properly transmit said compensation to the Treasurer at his/her earliest opportunity.

Additionally, no employee of the ~~School District Board~~ shall solicit a charitable gift from any person who is also a ~~School District Board~~ official or employee and whose position is subordinate to the soliciting employee.

~~The Superintendent shall distribute this policy and the guidelines that implement it to student organization granted permission to solicit funds.~~

~~West Virginia State Board of Education policy 1224.1~~

Student Attendance at School Events

The Board ~~of Education~~ encourages students to attend as many school events held after school as possible, without interfering with their school work and home activities. Enthusiastic spectators help to build school spirit and encourage those students who are participating in the event.

However, in order to ensure that students attending as nonparticipants are properly safe-guarded, the Board requires that all elementary/~~pre-junior-high~~ school students be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone when they arrive at the event and throughout its duration. Any unaccompanied student will not be allowed to attend the event, and the Board will not be responsible for students if they attend without an adult chaperone.

The Board will continue to provide adequate supervision for all students who are participants in County-sponsored events.

Safety Patrol

~~The Board of Education recognizes the value of a student safety patrol as an essential part of the school program to instruct the students of this County in good safety habits and to provide opportunities for leadership training.~~

~~The Board authorizes the formation of a school safety patrol of students in grades 4-8 who shall serve without recompense.~~

~~All students eligible by grade level may apply for service on the safety patrol; selection among them will be made on consideration of qualities of:~~

- ~~A. responsibility and good citizenship;~~

- ~~B. — leadership capacity;~~
- ~~C. — maturity;~~
- ~~D. — academic proficiency.~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.~~

Public Performance by Students

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students of sharing their talents and skills with the community through participation and performances in public events.

The Board endorses such performances when:

- A. they constitute a learning experience which contributes to the educational program;
- B. the circumstances of the event do not pose a threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the students who will be involved.

All requests for public performances by students require the approval of the principal.

~~The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy which include the requirement that Parental permission is shall be sought and received before students participate and that the interests of our students are to be protected and guarded against exploitation.~~

Sounding of Taps at Funerals for Veterans

~~The purpose of this policy is to facilitate collaboration that will encourage capable students to assist with the sounding of Taps at military funerals honoring our veterans and, thereby, help them to develop a better understanding of the sacrifices, a respect for the commitment and an appreciation of the privileges that the men and women of the armed services have protected through their service.~~

The Superintendent shall, in collaboration with organizations and supporters of veterans, ~~establish~~ develop administrative guidelines for the establishment of school programs that encourage capable students in grades six through twelve, inclusive, to sound Taps on a standard or valved bugle, trumpet, cornet or flugelhorn during military honors for funerals held in the County. The guidelines shall address notification of capable students, obtaining the consent of their parents or guardians for voluntary registry as a candidate able to sound Taps, assure that the distance from the student's residence to the location of the funeral is reasonable, credit toward community service or work based learning, recognition of participating students, and limits on the amount of regular classroom instruction that a student may miss to fulfill a community service or work based learning requirement or, if none, on the excused absences that the student may accrue for this activity.

The Board shall not be responsible for any costs associated with the program, including transportation to funerals and are not liable for student supervision while absent to participate in funerals.

School-Sponsored Vocational / Industrial / Technical Projects and Related Charges

~~It is the policy of The Board of Education to~~ may approve school sponsorship of functional occupational projects as part of the shop instruction related to the occupations being taught ~~by Reane County Schools in its schools.~~

Functional projects ~~may must be accepted~~ approved by the appropriate classroom teacher ~~with the approval of the building administrator and principal.~~

Careful consideration shall be given to each project to ensure that the service rendered is not being exploited; that the project is of educational benefit to the student(s); and, that appropriate instruction and supervision relative to the project is in place and can be maintained.

Patrons shall be charged only for the actual cost of materials used in completing instructional projects. No tipping shall be allowed to any student or teacher, though nothing shall prevent a patron from making a donation to the school or the Board as would be permissible from any member of the general public. ~~Signs shall be printed and prominently displayed in each shop indicating that no tipping is permitted.~~

~~WV Code 18-5-13~~