

Policy 501.13

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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Student Performances

Students, as part of the educational or activity program, may participate in contests or other public and private events approved by the building principal that will be of benefit to the student and the education or activity program. Performances at such event are privilege.

1. The building principal shall approve all performances involving the use of students.
2. The extended use of one particular group shall be discouraged.
3. Students performing shall be transported via school provided or endorsed transportation.
4. Performances that are scheduled outside school hours are preferred. Performances during school hours should be limited, when at all possible, to the class period during which the activity is usually taught to that particular student or students.
5. Student organizations may participate in the activities of the school district and with patriotic and civic groups in the community upon the approval of the building principal. The time of participation should not seriously interfere with the school program. The board does not believe it advisable to use the musical organizations to further the public relations of particular institutions or for local political rallies. It does believe that the organizations may be used to honor the position represented by certain high public office or to honor visiting dignitaries to this community.

Student organizations or groups shall not be paid for participating or performing when they represent the school. However, the group/school may accept compensation to help meet expenses incurred as a result of the performance.

Students who participate in such activities represent the school system and community serving as ambassadors of both. Therefore, they are expected to conduct themselves in the same manner as required during a regular school day. Students who fail to abide by this policy will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students will be allowed to perform in these events only with proper permission, with academic eligibility and disciplinary eligibility. Students who are suspended or expelled from classes cannot participate in any school activity. These events must be approved by the administration or in some cases in overnight out-of-state trips, board of education.

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It shall be the responsibility of the principal in conjunction with the Activities Director and sponsors to develop the guidelines for participation for these events and to determine whether or not the performance will benefit the student and the educational or activity program of the district.

Legal Reference: Hazelwood School Dist. V. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

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