

West Bonner County School District

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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School-Support Organizations

The Board recognizes that parent, teacher and student organizations are an invaluable resource to the District schools and so supports their formation and vitality. While parent, teacher and student organizations have no administrative authority and cannot determine District policy, their suggestions and assistance are always welcome. Membership must be open and unrestricted.

Booster clubs and/or special interest organizations may be formed to support and strengthen specific activities conducted within the school or District. All such groups must receive the approval of the school principal, Superintendent and the Board in order to be recognized as a booster organization. Staff participation, cooperation and support are encouraged in such recognized organizations.

Secret Societies Prohibited

No person, group or organization will establish a fraternity, sorority or secret society whose membership is comprised in whole or in part of students enrolled in the public elementary or secondary schools in this district, or solicit a student to become a member of such organization; nor will students enrolled in any of this district's public schools become a member of such organization, or pledge himself or herself to become a member of any such organization.

A fraternity, sorority or secret society will be interpreted as any organization, the active membership or such is comprised in whole or in part of students enrolled in this district's schools, and which exists or perpetuates itself wholly or partly by selecting members on the basis of decision of its membership rather than upon the basis of the right of any student, qualified by the rules and regulations of the school, to be a member. The definition will not be construed to include organizations institutionally sponsored by agencies of public welfare, such as the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Girls, the YMCA and YWCA, and similar organizations.

The board may withdraw the rights and privileges of students participating in such secret society or fraternity or sorority, may deny graduation, deprive students of credit, or suspend or expel such students.

Fund-Raising by School Support Groups

Fund-raising by school support groups is considered a usual and desirable part of the function of such groups. The specific fund-raising activities must be approved in advance by the principal.

The principal must be consulted prior to any expenditure of such funds. All such funds raised by school adjunct groups are to be used for the direct or indirect support of school programs.

Equipment purchased by support groups and donated to the schools becomes the property of the District and may be used or disposed of in accordance with District policy and state law.

Public Performance by Students

Student groups, with the permission of the building principal, may participate in nonschool sponsored public events if such participation furthers an educational objective. A student's participation in any nonschool sponsored event must be voluntary.

School groups desiring to participate in public events outside of the district wherein these events are not a regularly scheduled activity of the school must request permission to participate from the building principal at least thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated activity. If any expenditure of school funds is required, prior approval must come from the board or its designee.

Regular field trip policies and procedures apply.

Legal References: 34 C.F.R. § 106.31(b) Education Programs or Activities: Specific Prohibitions (Implementing Title IX)

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