

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

913 NON SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS

Purpose

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 and administrative procedures.

Definitions

Non school organizations, groups or individuals - partners as defined by organizations providing programs and services to schools at no cost to the schools or District and those entities that are not part of the school program, school-sponsored activities, or organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or School Reform Commission policy. When employees or Commissioners act on behalf of a non school organization or group, or on their own behalf, this policy applies to them. Students are governed by a separate and distinct policy regarding student expression and distribution and posting of materials.[1]

Non school materials - any printed or written materials prepared by non school organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distribution which are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved extracurricular programs of the district. This includes such things as fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, non school organization websites and the like.

Distribution - handing 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.

Posting - 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.

Prohibited activities and materials - activities and materials which:

1. Are libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane.
2. Violate federal, state or local laws.
3. Violate SRC policy or administrative procedures.
4. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.
5. Incite violence.
6. Advocate use of force or urge violation of federal, state or municipal law, SRC policy or administrative procedures.
7. Interfere with or advocate interference with the rights of any individual or the orderly operation of the schools and their programs.
8. Use racist, xenophobic, homophobic, misogynistic, or other derogatory or discriminatory language.

Authority

It is the policy of the SRC that district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in SRC policy.[4]

The SRC 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.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy, unless otherwise specifically noted in this policy, and develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

Legal References:

1. **Pol. 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials**
2. **24 P.S. 775**
3. **Pol. 216 - Student Records**
4. **Pol. 707 - Use of School Facilities**

Related Information:

24 P.S. 510

24 P.S. 511

24 P.S. 696

24 P.S. 779

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