

PRINCIPLES

The board encourages the development and participation of parent organizations that support the goals of the board and the schools. The board also supports parent organizations as an effective means of actively involving parents in the schools. The superintendent and school officials are expected to educate such organizations on the goals of the board and individual schools, especially as it relates to improving student success. The superintendent and school officials also are expected to help such organizations in identifying opportunities to assist the schools in meeting these goals.

CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Parent organizations, including PTAs, PTOs and booster clubs, are not considered a part of the school district. However, because the organizations and their activities reflect upon the school district, all parent organizations must accept the following conditions in order to operate on behalf of the schools.

- All parent organizations must provide the superintendent with a document describing the purpose of the organization and the general rules and procedures by which it will operate. Any modifications also must be shared in writing with the superintendent.
- Parent organizations must obtain prior approval from the principal for (1) any fund-raising event, (2) any purchase for the school, (3) any function involving the participation of students, or (4) any event that is likely to reflect upon the school or school district.
- Parent organizations are responsible for maintaining their own financial records. Employees of the school are not permitted to routinely manage the affairs of parent organizations during the workday.
- Parent organizations are expected to take into account the cultural diversity and economic differences of students and parents in planning various functions.

The superintendent will approve the establishment of parent organizations. Parent organizations that, after assistance from school officials, are unable to meet board policies will be disapproved by the superintendent.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Any item that a parent organization proposes to contribute to the school must meet all legal requirements, including safety codes. Before accepting any such donation, the principal must ensure that funding is available to install and maintain all donated equipment, such as playground equipment, in compliance with all safety requirements. All items donated become the property of the school district. While the intent of the donation will be considered, the school district reserves the right to modify the use if the needs of the students or the school district change.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002)

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