SANCTIONING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS, PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS, AND BOOSTER CLUB ORGANIZATIONS

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for District sanctioned programs and organizations.

Definitions as used in this policy:

Student Achievement Programs - Programs intended to operate and do operate to enhance student achievement.

Parent-Teacher Associations - Associations of parents and teachers operating to provide a basis for communication and interaction among parents and staff members.

Booster Club Organizations - Organizations composed of parents and interested persons, associating together to assist a student activity.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to adopt a policy to exempt student achievement programs, parent-teacher associations and booster club organizations from the statutory provisions relating to student activity funds. Only those organizations sanctioned in accordance with this policy will be exempt from the statutory controls over school activity funds found in the Oklahoma School Code.

The Board may sanction programs, associations and clubs, in the sole judgment of the Board, that advance the educational objectives of the District and are beneficial to students. The district shall incur no liability for the acts, errors or omissions of any sanctioned organization. In determining whether a program, association or club should be sanctioned, the Board of Education shall consider:

- If the program, association or club promotes activities representing an extension, expansion or application of the District’s curriculum.
- If the program, association or club assists student government in activities carrying out special projects or responsibilities.
- If the program, association or club assists student clubs, organizations and other student groups in raising funds to promote activities approved by the Board.
- If the program, association or club assists with approved extra-curricular student activities.
- Supplemental information provided by the organization in support of its application.
The organization must comply with all state and federal laws as they pertain to equal opportunity and treatment of all students. The organization shall comply with applicable law, Board Policy, and applicable Administrative Regulations. If the organization refuses to comply with the applicable law, policies, or administrative regulations, it shall not be entitled to utilize the District’s property or facilities for any purpose, or provide support to any district program.

Revocation: The Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to revoke the sanctioning of any organization if it is determined that its operation or purpose is not consistent with the policies or procedures adopted by the Board.