

## Lower Merion School District

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### 915 SCHOOL RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of School Directors believes that the education of children is a responsibility it shares with parents to insure that the best interests of the child are served in the educational process. Official Board recognition of an organization of parents and professional personnel as a school-related organization ("School Related Organization") greatly enhances that organization's ability to access District facilities and distribute the organization's information through District channels. Therefore, the Board, at its discretion, will periodically recognize School Related Organizations provided the School Related Organization meet the standards in the accompanying regulation with the understanding that the Board is under no obligation to recognize any group simply because it meets these standards.

#### Official Recognition of School Related Organizations

Official recognition of School Related Organizations occurs through formal resolution passed by the Board at a public meeting at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

School principals and other school administrators designated by the Superintendent shall be responsible and shall be delegated authority for assuring that such organizations meet the regulations listed below through promulgation of regulations and otherwise.

School Related Organizations are required to enact by-laws to be available upon request to the District.

Due to their unique status in and contributions to the District, the Board actively promotes and therefore officially recognizes the following organizations and types of organizations as School Related Organizations:

- 1) Home and School Associations,
- 2) the Interschool Council of the Lower Merion School District,
- 3) the Committee for Special Education,
- 4) the Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund,
- 5) the Education Foundation of Lower Merion,
- 6) the Committee to Address Race in Education, and
- 7) the Lower Merion/Harriton Alumni Association.

Board will continue to recognize these organizations, described more fully below, provided they maintain the standards set forth in the accompanying regulation.

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### Home and School Associations (HSAs)

The Board seeks cooperation between the school and the home in advancing the education of our children. The Board appreciates the importance of effective communication between the school administration, parents and students to secure informed opinion and support for the educational program. Therefore, the Board will recognize HSAs consisting of parents and professional personnel as School Related Organizations.

### The Interschool Council of the Lower Merion School District

The Lower Merion School Board appreciates the importance of effective communication between the school administration and parents of the District to secure informed opinion and support for the educational program of the District. Historically, the Board has recognized the Interschool Council of the Lower Merion School District as a School Related Organization.

### The Committee for Special Education

The Committee for Special Education is a long-standing parent group active in the District that addresses the needs of students and parents in areas of special education. The Committee for Special Education presents informative programs to parents on a regular basis involving all areas of services for students eligible for special education, students requiring accommodations due to a disability, and students eligible for gifted services.

### The Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund

The Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund is a community effort to provide scholarship aid for graduates of the Lower Merion School District.

### The Education Foundation of Lower Merion

The Lower Merion/Harrilton Community Foundation, now known as the Education Foundation of Lower Merion (“the Foundation”) is an independent public charity dedicated to encouraging community-wide participation and philanthropy in order to enhance and expand enrichment opportunities for all students in the Lower Merion School District (the “District”) and insure long-range financial flexibility for schools within the District.

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### The Committee to Address Race in Education

The Committee to Address Race in Education fosters dialogue between the community and District staff about the influence of race in education and strategies for understanding and addressing the causes of the achievement gap.

### The Lower Merion/Harriton Alumni Association

The Lower Merion/Harriton Alumni Association serves to keep LMSD alumni connected and foster continued service and support to the school community.

### Delegation of Authority

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall be responsible for developing procedures to implement this policy. Those regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Standards for recognition of School Related Organizations.
2. Criteria determining whether and to what extent information from School Related Organizations may be linked to the District website.
3. Provisions for orientation of the leaders of School Related Organizations to this policy and its accompanying administrative regulation to ensure compliance and to ensure that these groups do not exceed the scope of their authorization.
4. Requirements for by-laws for School Related Organizations.

### Cross Reference:

Policy & Administrative Regulation 916 (Booster Clubs and Parent Organizations)