

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### School Support Organizations

The Board encourages the formation of a parent-teacher-student association and/or similar School Support Organizations at each school building for the purpose of providing an opportunity through which parents, teachers and students may unite their efforts and interests to enhance the school program. In schools where no such PTA/PTO organization exists, another parent group may be recognized by the school principal as the official body through which parents, staff and students may unite their efforts for similar purposes.

School Support Organizations 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 or superintendent in order to be recognized as a School Support Organization. Staff participation, cooperation and support are encouraged in such recognized organizations.

School Support Organizations are responsible for complying with all local, state and federal laws as well as the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Licensing, and Washington State Gambling Commission (if applicable).

Legal Reference:

[RCW 19.09](#)

[RCW 24.03](#)

[RCW 42.23](#)

[WAC 434-120](#)

Charitable Solicitations

Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act

Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers –

Contract Interests

Charitable Solicitation Organizations and

Charitable Trusts

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