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The Board of Education recognizes the value to students and to the community of the demonstration of student talents and skills in performances of student organizations in public events. The Board endorses such performances when they contribute to the instructional program, do not interfere with scheduled school activities, and do not exploit or endanger participating students.

Public performances of student organizations must be approved in advance by the Superintendent. The members of a student organization invited to perform shall be polled for their willingness to perform. No student may be compelled to participate in an elective public performance or penalized for his or her failure to participate. Approval for a public performance will not be granted unless the staff advisor determines that the number of students who agree to participate is sufficient to represent the school fairly.

The Board of Education encourages students to share their talents and skills with the community through participation in public events and other aspects of community life.

The Board endorses such participation when it:

1. Constitutes a learning experience which contributes to the educational program;
2. Does not in any way pose a threat to the health, safety and well-being of the students who will be involved.

All requests for public performances require approval of the Superintendent who may report such approval to the Board.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which require that:

1. All requests for public performances by students shall be presented to the Superintendent;
2. Parental permission must be sought and received before students may participate;
3. No student may be compelled to participate in a public performance or community activity, or be penalized in any way for failure to do so;
4. No student or group of students may receive compensation for their participating in an organized school activity;

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5. Sponsoring organizations may pay the expenses of transportation when appropriate.

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