

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION USING GATEWAY REGIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Gateway Regional School District is a community of learners primarily funded by public funds. As such, maintenance of the public's trust is as important as the district's fiduciary responsibility to protect its tangible and intangible assets that are a direct result of that trust.

The Gateway Regional School District school community potentially represents a "captive" economic market. We are required to ensure that access is both equitable and at the same time consistent with our educational mission. Therefore, it is the position of the Gateway Regional School District that the direct distribution of informational materials and/or solicitation to students and the household in which they reside will be restricted to certain organizations that **EXCLUSIVELY** benefit the students of the Gateway Regional School District as defined by at least one of the following criteria:

1. A Town Department that is funded directly by one of the seven member towns of the Gateway Regional School District (i.e., the Recreation Department).
2. An entity whose existence is solely dependent of the existence of the Gateway Regional School District (i.e., PTO, Booster Clubs).
3. An independent entity that meets **both** of the following criteria:
 - a. Provides proof of recognition by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization (i.e., 501(c)3)
 - b. Provides proof that the Gateway Regional School District or its students is the exclusive benefactor of its activities (i.e., mission statement, bylaws, corporate articles), and/or maintains at least one unpaid, non-voting or voting seat on its corporate board for a representative of the District that has been approved by the Superintendent of Schools (i.e., independent Booster Clubs, GYAA).
4. In addition to meeting at least one of the above criteria, the informational materials and/or solicitation must be deemed by the Superintendent of Schools to be in the interest of the Gateway Regional School District educational community. The decision by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is final. There is no appeal process following the school's decision.

Other materials deemed by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to be in the interest of the Gateway Regional School District educational community may be left at Central Office to be posted on the Gateway Regional School District's website in a webpage labeled "Outside Flyer/Event Information". All such postings shall be clearly labeled with the following: "The school committee does not support, condone or in any way adopt the philosophical or ideological beliefs of the group as an official policy." The decision for posting such materials by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is final. There is no appeal process following the school's decision.