

JM Contests for Students

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No student shall enter any contest as a school representative unless the contest is approved by the KSHSAA or by the administration. (See JH) The district supports participation in academic activities and contests related to the adopted curriculum of USD 250. Adequate adult sponsorship must be provided for all activities and must be in compliance with the policies of the KSHSAA, the Kansas State Board of Education and the USD 250 Board of Education.

All students participating in these activities must provide parent permission, medical information, medical releases and insurance necessary for the activity.

Participation in Competitive Out-of-State Activities

When competitive activities involve state and national competition, participation in the activity must be approved in advance by the building principal. When a student or team of students participate in an activity that can possibly, qualify them for national competition, participation in the event must be approved in advance with a projection of anticipated costs submitted to the Superintendent. All such events which are anticipated by staff should be submitted as early as possible, preferably prior to the development of the annual district budget. A projected budget should be submitted with the event information including the potential cost of substitute staff while regular staff is attending the event.

Registration, travel and lodging costs for students and school staff sponsorship will be provided by the district. Costs for food and incidental personal expenses will be paid by the students.

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Participation in Elective Out-of-State Activities

The district will consider on an individual application basis any proposal for students to attend out-of-state conventions, conferences or other gatherings of student organizations. Such applications will be presented to the building principal who shall present it to the Superintendent for approval.

Applications will include potential benefits of the conference, a budget detailing costs of the activity and other information which may be useful in determining in appropriateness of the activity. Applications will generally be considered favorably when the activity is consistent with curricular and co-curricular goals of the district. It is expected that attendance at these optional activities will include financial participation by the student and that district funds will not be used for student expenses. This does not prohibit other support of student expenses by clubs, outside organizations, or donations.

Other Financial Considerations for Out-of-State Activities

Arrangements for airline or other commercial travel must be approved by the Superintendent. The district may, at the option of the Superintendent, provide district transportation for travel in certain parts of the United States. When such transportation is provided, the district may waive all or a part of the cost to students for transportation.

This policy is not intended to imply that the school district will financially support students for elective trips which are planned for a combination of pleasure and educational purposes. Elective trips which are related to the

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curriculum (i.e., the Spanish Club trip to Central America, exchange trips to other countries) do not qualify for financial support. Although these trips may be endorsed by the school and students may be accompanied by school staff, these trips are not included under any financial arrangements implied in this policy.

For purposes of interpreting this policy, all trips within a 150 mile radius of Pittsburg shall be treated as the same as trips within the state of Kansas.

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