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POLICY 2-5.1 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

It is the policy of the Poquoson City School Board to recognize publicly at School Board meetings those students whose activities in any field or endeavor have reflected credit on themselves, their parents, the schools or the community. Citizens are encouraged to forward to the division superintendent's office the names of students whose accomplishments warrant such recognition. The division superintendent retains discretion in deciding which awards shall be recognized at School Board meetings.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:3, 22.1-253.13:4; Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, 8 VAC 20-131-10, et seq.

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POLICY 2-5.2 PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS

Generally

The Poquoson City School Board encourages and the division superintendent or his/her designee may permit public performances by students under the auspices of a school-sponsored organization when such performances:

1. fit the objective of the school;
2. meet the needs and interests of the students;
3. stimulate the students in improving their ability to perform;
4. are appropriate for the participating age group;
5. require no extraordinary training but are the natural outgrowth of the normal teaching sequence;
and
6. do not encroach on the opportunities of professional performers or musicians.

Performing for Outside Sponsors

Students performing under the auspices of a school-sponsored organization may perform for outside organizations where admission fees are charged only if the proceeds are used for charitable, educational or civic purposes. Costs associated with these performances shall be borne by the sponsoring organization.

Payment for Performances

Payment for student performances is acceptable only in the form of a contribution to support the work of the performing school-sponsored organization.

Supervision and Liability

Performing students shall be supervised by adults under the direction of the school. Liability protection is to be provided by the sponsor.

Political Rallies

The School Board does not believe it advisable to use public school musical organizations for local political rallies. The organizations may be used to honor the position represented by certain high public office or to honor visiting dignitaries to the district.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78.

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POLICY 2-5.3 CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Contests or other activities involving awards to students and/or their schools by agencies outside the schools shall be permitted only with the approval of the division superintendent or his/her designee. The division superintendent shall approve no contest or activity whose sole purpose is commercial. Contest rules shall be clear, the conditions fair and the publicity in good taste.

Student participation in contests shall be voluntary, and no compulsory fees shall be charged the students for participation. No one may be excluded from an approved contest for discriminatory reasons as defined by applicable law. Contests that are conducted in the schools and whose purpose is to raise funds shall be regulated under School Board Policy 2-2.3.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78.

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POLICY 2-5.4 FUNDRAISING BY STUDENTS

Generally

In general, the Poquoson City School Board does not desire to overburden parents or local merchants with the support of special activities, nor does the School Board wish to have students in competition with local merchants. The School Board believes that fundraising should not endanger the safety of students in the school division. The division superintendent or his/her designee may establish and from time-to-time revise regulations necessary to effect the purpose of this policy.

Elementary Schools

Fundraising activities which involve students in door-to-door solicitations are prohibited. Elementary school principals have the discretion to limit fundraising activities throughout the year.

Fundraising activities conducted at public schools which bring students, parents, and other citizens to the school (examples: dinners, field days, fun fairs, drama productions, and musicals) are encouraged.

Secondary Schools

Fundraising activities to benefit Poquoson City public secondary schools which do not require students going into the community shall be permitted upon authorization by the principal. Fundraising activities which involve students selling to the community on a door-to-door basis shall be approved by the division superintendent or his/her designee.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78.

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