

## Community Relations

### Contests for Students

The Board desires to cooperate with community and other agencies sponsoring contests for students. In order to keep this cooperation within reasonable bounds, the Board of Education establishes the following criteria for determining participation in contests:

1. Subject to policy considerations given here, there shall be competitive contests for students in grades K-12. Contests for students in Grades K-5 will need the approval of the Administrative Council and the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The proposed contest must be consistent with the educational objectives of the schools, emphasizing a potential for good citizenship, high moral standards, and intellectual competence. The contest should:
  - a. Contribute to students' understanding and development of fundamental skills
  - b. Be stimulating to students and as valuable to them as their regular learning activities
  - c. Stress individual work.
3. The contest shall not interfere with the school program or put undue strain or burden upon students, teachers, or the school as a whole.
4. The subject must not be commercial, controversial, sectarian, or propagandistic in the negative sense of the word.
5. The contest must not be used to promote private interests and causes not generally approved as being for the general welfare.
6. Participation by students shall be voluntary.
7. No one may be excluded because of color, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
8. The contestant shall not be required to pay an entry fee.
9. Awards and prizes should be commensurate with the time and effort expended by contestants and the staff.

Proposals for contests in Grades K-5 shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent at least 45 calendar days before the closing date of the contest.

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