

Community Relations

Student Performances

While the Board recognizes that worthy and appropriate educational values accrue from public participation in civic and community affairs, it shall be the policy of the New London public schools to place the academic schedule of the student first in its consideration of such participation.

Instructors shall be permitted to provide students for public performances when such performances contribute to the educational process and objectives of that particular class and when it does not interfere with other scheduled activities or classes within the school.

1. All performances involving the use of students shall be approved by the building Principal.
2. The extended use of one particular group should be discouraged.
3. Students participating in a performance shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for their age and in such a way as to bring credit to their school.

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Public Performances by Students

Students, with the Principal's permission, may participate in the following local public events:

1. Events sponsored by the schools. Educational events in which the school serves as host shall have priority in scheduling appearances.
2. Community functions in the interests of the school, such as those originated by a PTA/PTO or other parent groups.
3. Noncommercial civic occasions of local, state or national interest.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Charity benefit activities provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the Superintendent.
6. Programs sponsored by established public agencies, or programs sponsored jointly by the school system and mass communication media where the time or space given to the programs are of a public nature.

School groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications:

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product. A school name, the names of school-sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in events of a commercial nature.
2. Events for furtherance of any politically partisan interest. In questionable cases the matter shall be referred to the Board of Education for its review.
3. Events that are primarily for the furtherance of any religious concern, whether sectarian or non-sectarian in nature.
4. Events that cause an undue amount of interference with regular school programs, or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation.