

## CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Participation in contests shall be optional with the individual school and individual student. Schools may cooperate with outside agencies sponsoring worthwhile contests that are in keeping with the educational goals of the schools; however, all such contests must be approved in advance by the principal. The following criteria shall be used for determining participation in contests by schools and/or students:

1. The educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their students must be considered at all times.
2. Schools and their students shall not be used for private or commercial interest.
3. Schools and their students shall not be used for sales or promotional purposes.
4. Participating teachers and students shall be given consideration against added work and responsibilities.
5. Contests shall not be sponsored by schools when preparation of contestants creates a neglect of other students' educational experiences.
6. Sales shall be held to an absolute minimum.

### Financial Assistance for Academic Contests at the National Level

Provided an individual student (or group of students) seeks or qualifies for an academic title, honor, or recognition at a level of participation considered to be national in scope, the Board may, at its discretion provide financial assistance toward the expenses incurred by the individual student or group of students.

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