STUDENT CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES

The primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their pupils must be the first consideration at all times.

Criteria for Selection of Educationally Desirable Contests

1. On a national basis, the schools should confine their participation to those national contests which are currently placed on the approved list published annually by the committee on national contests and activities of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

2. On a state and local basis, the contest or activity should be one:
   a. that supplements but does not interfere with the regular school program;
   b. that is beneficial to youth in educational civic, social or ethical development;
   c. that makes it possible for individual students to work out contributions by their own efforts and does not invite dishonest collaboration;
   d. whose subject is not commercial, controversial, sectarian or concerned with propaganda, and must emphasize high moral standards, good citizenship, and intellectual competence;
   e. which does not exclude any contestant because of race, color, creed or sexual orientation or disability;
   f. which does not place an undue burden on students, teachers or the school, nor require frequent or lengthy absence of participants from the school;
   g. that is sponsored by an organization engaged in a creditable or acceptable enterprise regardless of kind or amount of prizes offered; and
   h. that must not use the contest or activity as a "front" for advertising a company name or product.

The Superintendent of Schools will institute such rules and regulations as in his/her judgment is necessary to implement this policy statement.

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