CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION **FILE CODE: 1230**
Chester, New Jersey **_____ Monitored**
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Policy **__X__ Other Reasons**

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Chester Board of Education Shall encourage the work of a general, voluntary, school-connected organization of parents/guardians, school staff and friends of the school in each school. Such organizations may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs.

Such organizations shall have as their objectives the promotion of student welfare; the development of close relationships between the home and the school; and the development between educators and the public of such united efforts as will secure for every student in the schools the best kind of educational program possible.

Organizations shall not use the district's name in their titles without the board's express consent. Such permission to use the district's name does not constitute permission to act as the district's representative.

The board shall make it a practice not to interfere in the internal workings of such groups.

Permission to hold regular meetings of such organizations in school facilities will be extended by the board of education for a particular school year, in accordance with policy #1330.

The school principal or another professional staff member designated by the principal may serve as adviser to the general parent/teacher organization. All members of the professional staff shall be encouraged to join the organization and to participate in its activities.

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A.	18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A.	18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible Cross References:

*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
*1100	Communicating with the public
1210	Community organizations
*1330	Use of school facilities
*3280	Gifts, grants and bequests
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*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5136	Fund-raising activities
*6010	Goals and objectives

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