STUDENT ACTIVITIES

I. General: Student activities are an important part of the total educational program. Student activities shall be scheduled so as to result in the least interference with curricular activities and classes. Student participation in student activities shall be voluntary and in accordance with any Administrative Regulations governing such participation. In order to be excused from classes to participate in student activities which are scheduled during the school day, a student shall be passing in all assigned subjects and shall be in compliance with all Administrative Regulations governing such participation.

II. Organizations: The purpose of a student organization is to develop leadership, pride in craftsmanship, and appropriate skills for the work place. Enrollment automatically allows a student to join the student organization applicable to the course in which the student is enrolled. Instructors will further acquaint students with the organizations and the benefits to be derived from participation.

In accordance with applicable accreditation standards, each teacher of a full-time program shall organize a local chapter of the appropriate vocational student organization and shall serve as the advisor to the local chapter. Each such chapter shall annually submit to the Program Director a program of work to be performed before undertaking any such proposed work.

III. Publications: The District may establish an official District-sponsored publication as a forum for student expression. Official District-sponsored publications may include newspapers and yearbooks. The preparation, publication, and distribution of such student publications shall be done by students working under the supervision of a faculty advisor and shall be done in accordance with the law, Board policy, and any applicable Administrative Regulations and procedures.

IV. Contests: Students may participate in various contests whether sponsored by the District or by other organizations. However, only first-place winners may represent the District in national competition unless an exception is approved by the Board.

V. Field Trips: Field trips may be scheduled and conducted by the individual instructor, subject to the approval of the Program Director. Field trips are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom and should stimulate student interest and inquiry in the subject being taught.

VI. Fund-raising Activities: Southern Tech student organizations may organize and participate in fund raisers only in a very limited basis. There will be no soliciting of products; however, the sale of a service may be approved. Service to be sold shall not be related to the program trade, therefore, avoiding overlap of live work proceeds. All student fund raisers require prior approval by the Board of Education.