

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NON-SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/
INDIVIDUALS

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Pol. 105, 122, 230</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Definitions Pol. 220</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">913. NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS</p> <p>The Board recognizes that non-school organizations, groups, and individuals may wish to utilize the district as a means to engage the school community in activities and/or to distribute or post non-school materials. The Board directs that requests for such utilization from non-school organizations, groups, or individuals shall be governed by this policy.</p> <p>Activities or school-related information and materials from non-school organizations, groups, and individuals that are integrated with or presented as a part of the district's curriculum or an approved school event or student organization are approved and governed by Board policies related to curriculum and student activities and are not governed by this policy.</p> <p>The Board recognizes that the school community may benefit from receiving information from non-school organizations, groups, and individuals, provided the distribution and posting of such information does not interfere with the educational program of the schools. The district's primary responsibility shall be to maintain a safe and orderly school environment and to protect the rights of all members of the school community.</p> <p>The Board directs that the review and consideration of any activities or non-school materials requested under this policy shall not discriminate on the basis or content or viewpoint.</p> <p>Non-school organizations, groups, or individuals shall mean those entities that are not part of the school program, school-sponsored activities, or organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or Board policy. When employees or Board members act on behalf of a non-school organization or group, or on their own behalf, this policy applies to them. Students are governed by a separate and distinct Board policy regarding student expression and distribution and posting of materials.</p> <p>Non-school materials shall mean any printed, technological, or written materials prepared by non-school organizations, groups, or individuals for posting or general distribution that are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved extracurricular programs of the district, including but not limited to, fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, non-school organization websites, and the like.</p>
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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Distribution shall mean issuing non-school materials to others on school property or during school-sponsored events; placing upon desks, tables, on or in lockers; or engaging in any other manner of delivery of non-school materials to others while on school property or during school functions.</p> <p>Posting shall mean publicly displaying non-school materials on school property or at school-sponsored events, including but not limited to affixing such materials to walls, doors, bulletin boards, easels, the outside of lockers, on district-sponsored websites, through other district-owned technology, and the like.</p> <p>Prohibited activities and materials shall mean activities and materials that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violate federal, state, or local laws; Board policy; or district rules or regulations. 2. Are libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane. 3. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and serious danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco/nicotine, alcohol, or illegal drugs. 4. Incite violence, advocate use of force, or threaten serious harm to the school or community. 5. Are likely to materially or substantially interfere with the educational process, such as school activities, school work, or discipline, as well as safety and order on school property or at school functions. 6. Interfere with, or advocate interference with, the rights of any individual or the safe and orderly operation of the schools and their programs. 7. Violate written district administrative regulations or procedures on time, place, and manner for posting and distribution of otherwise protected expression. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p><u>Non-school Materials</u></p> <p>The Board requires that non-school organizations, groups, or individuals who wish to distribute or post non-school materials on school property shall submit them to the building principal. The building principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee of requests received from non-school organizations, groups, and individuals.</p>
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	<p>If approval is granted, the non-school organization, group, or individual shall comply with Board policy and administrative regulations and the district's restrictions for time, place, and manner of distribution and posting of materials.</p> <p>Materials issued by non-school organizations, groups, or individuals shall not be distributed during instructional time or school-sponsored activities.</p> <p><u>Non-school Activities</u></p> <p>Activities sponsored by non-school organizations, groups, or individuals shall not occur during instructional time or school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>Requests by non-school organizations, groups, or individuals to invite or promote student participation in non-school activities shall comply with Board policy and administrative regulations on distribution and posting of materials.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>24 P.S. 775 Fundraising by non-school organizations, groups, or individuals is prohibited on school property or in the name of the school.</p> <p>Where activities or materials otherwise comply with this policy and administrative regulations, fundraising activities may be announced.</p> <p>Pol. 216 Directory information for students or staff members will not be released to non-school organizations, groups, or individuals that seek this information for the purpose of fundraising.</p> <p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></p> <p>Pol. 216 The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships or awards to deserving students; but, in accepting such offers, the Board directs that established criteria be observed.</p> <p>No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or award winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18) or the parents/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.</p> <p>The scholarship or award, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Board.</p> <p>All pertinent information regarding the scholarship or award shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent or designee prior to the date on which it is to be presented.</p>
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	<p>The building principal, together with a committee of staff members designated by the principal, shall be involved in the selection of the recipient of an award or scholarship, pursuant to procedures established for this purpose and consistent with the restrictions applicable to each approved scholarship or award.</p> <p><u>Travel Services/Foreign Trips</u> Solicitation and sale of travel services for foreign trips to students may be permitted with the approval of the Board.</p> <p>Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Belong to an association of certified sellers of travel.2. Provide proof of insurance.3. Submit references.4. Provide proof of a performance bond.5. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco/nicotine, alcohol, and controlled substances will be prohibited.6. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. 775</p> <p>Board Policy – 105, 122, 216, 220, 230</p>
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