

Policy

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

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

The following guidelines shall apply to the creation and operation of parent-school organizations:

- A. Any organization consisting of parents, school staff and/or friends of the school shall be a Board-approved voluntary organization;
- B. The parent/school organization shall have as its 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 pupil in the community the best kind of educational program possible for his physical, mental, social and moral development;
- C. The parent/school organization may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs;
- D. The superintendent or another professional staff member designated by the superintendent may serve as advisor to the parent/school organization;
- E. All members of the school's professional staff shall be encouraged to join the organization and actively cooperate in its projects and on committees. All professional staff shall be encouraged to include PTA-sponsored activities, as appropriate;
- F. 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;
- G. The board shall make it a practice not to interfere in the internal workings of such groups;
- H. Permission to hold regular meetings of such associations in school facilities will be extended by the board of education for a particular school year in accordance with policy 1330 Use of School Facilities;
- I. The board may select one of its members as advisor to the general parent/teacher organization;
- J. All banquets fundraising and/or other activities involving students must be approved by the appropriate school administration;
- K. Formation of these school affiliated parent/community booster clubs is subject to approval of the board of education.

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Key Words

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

School-connected Organizations, Booster Clubs, Parent-Teacher Organizations, PTA, PTO

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
4136 Meetings/committees
*5020 Role of parents/guardians
*5136 Fund-raising activities
*6010 Goals and objectives

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.