

**Policy**

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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND STUDENTS

The Alloway Township Board of Education recognizes the value to students of sharing their talents and skills with the community through participation in public events and other aspects of community life. The superintendent shall review all proposals for student involvement in civic or charitable activities that are to be considered part of school-sponsored programs. He/she shall inform the board of all such proposals and make recommendations.

A. The board endorses such performances when:

1. They constitute a learning experience that contributes to the educational program;
2. They do not interfere with other scheduled activities of the school;
3. The circumstances of the event do not pose a threat to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the public who will be involved;

B. School groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications:

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or to advertise any commercial project or product. A school name, the names of school sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in events of a commercial nature;
2. Events that are not for the furtherance of any partisan interest, either political or sectarian;
3. Events that cause an undue amount of interference with the regular school program or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation. This shall be a value judgment by the superintendent;

C. The superintendent shall ensure that:

1. Parental permission is sought and received before students may participate;
2. No students is compelled to participate in a public performance or penalized in any way for failure to do so (if public performance is part of a course/program requirement, students must be informed. This policy does not address that type of participation);
3. No student or group of students receive compensation for their performance in public in an organized school activity; donations may be given to the general school funds by the sponsoring organization;
4. Sponsoring organizations pay the expenses of transportation when appropriate;
5. Students who participate in a public performance make prior arrangements with teachers of classes to be missed in order to make up work.

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Key Words

Contests for Students, Awards

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-2 School orchestra not to compete with civilian musicians; exceptions

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1314 Fundraising by outside organizations  
\*1322 Contests of students

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND STUDENTS (continued)

*3280	Gifts, grants and bequests
*5126	Awards for achievement
*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
*6153	Field trips

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