CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

The superintendent shall approve participation in extracurricular contests sponsored by organizations outside the school, as long as participation does not interfere with the instructional program. When such contests involve promotional aid, school time, or faculty assistance to students in essay writing, poster making, or other activities, the superintendent shall determine whether the experiences are closely enough allied to and in support of the instructional work of the school and will clearly serve to advance the educational aims of the district. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for approving a contest.

Contests and awards whether local, state, or national shall be:

A. For the benefit of the student;

B. Open to all students on a non-discriminatory basis;

C. Consistent with district objectives;

D. Judged by disinterested parties;

E. Properly supervised with safety precautions in place;

F. Voluntary for students and teachers.

Contests and awards shall not place undue time or financial burdens on students, teachers and parents. They shall not promote commercial products or partisan viewpoints. Participation shall not be dependent on the financial status of the student.

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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
N.J.S.A.	18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible Cross References:

*1314	Fundraising by outside organizations
*1320	Participation in out-of-school community activities
*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.