

## STUDENTS

### ACTIVITIES - CONTESTS

The Board of Education believes the primary educational goals of the schools and the needs and interests of students must be the most important considerations at all times. It shall therefore be a general policy to deny promotional aid, school time, or faculty assistance to pupil contests sponsored by organizations outside the school that involve essay writing, poster-making or other activities.

Exceptions may be made, if in the judgment of the administration a particular contest involves experiences which are closely allied to and in support of the instructional program of the school and which will clearly serve to advance the educational goals of the school. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes, shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for exception to the general policy.

Contests or projects, in general, should not interfere with the operation of the regular course of study in classes, or require a teacher to divert extensive time from the regularly planned program for students. The participation of teachers and students in any approved contest shall be voluntary.

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