

Board of Education High Point Regional

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CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

While there is no intent to refuse to cooperate with community agencies, there is very definitely a desire to keep such cooperation within reasonable bounds.

The following statements are for the purpose of obtaining this objective. It is believed that this policy will make for greater uniformity in cooperative undertakings in the various communities served by the schools and, at the same time, protect the schools against participation in activities that are not in keeping with the purposes and educational aims of the schools.

Specific regulations governing commercial, essay, speech, athletic and music contests or tournaments and campaigns for contributions in the High Point Regional High School District:

1. Any participation in contests by High Point Regional High School students should be governed by the regulations as established by N.A.S.S.P.
2. The primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their pupils must be the first consideration at all times.
3. Schools shall not be used to promote private interests and causes that have not gained general approval as being for the public welfare.
4. Schools shall not be used for direct sales promotion of individual competitive goods or services nor for concealed, misleading or extravagant advertising.
5. All materials or activities initiated by private sources shall be judged on grounds of their (a) direct contribution to educational values; (b) factual accuracy; (c) good taste.

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6. Business enterprises and community organizations desiring to sponsor activities and programs in the schools must present their plans and programs to the Superintendent of the district by August 15 preceding the school year in which the activities and programs are to be sponsored. The list of activities and programs together with recommendations shall be submitted by the Superintendent to the Board of Education. (Meritorious exceptions to this regulation shall be given consideration.)

7. Consideration shall be given in all cases to protecting students and teachers against unreasonable added work and responsibilities.

In addition to the statements given above, the following policies govern requests to conduct essay or poster contests:

a. Schools shall not participate in essay or poster contests as schools. Schools may cooperate with individuals and organizations by announcements, posting of notices, and passing on information by other appropriate means to interested students.

b. Sponsors of essay and poster contests shall have all reading and judging done by persons (other than school staff members) selected by the sponsors.

c. No essay or poster contest is to be promoted by the school. Announcement or notice of a sponsoring agency may be posted if the contest has Superintendent approval.

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