

Community Relations**Other School-Connected Organizations****Booster Clubs**

The Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular support groups, or “booster clubs,” provide important support to District schools and can be valuable means of stimulating community interest in the aims and activities of District schools. Support organizations may be created.

1. to foster community support and raise fund for a specific extracurricular activity; or
2. the school’s general extracurricular program.

Support from booster organizations should be encouraged wherever appropriate as a means of involving the public in the activities and goals of the school district. Administrators and staff shall seek to strengthen and support booster organizations by cooperating with and providing assistance to these groups.

Administrators shall maintain close communications with booster organization to ensure harmony with the policies and goals of the school district.

Parents and other interested community members who wish to organize a booster club for the purpose of supporting a specific school program or activity are encouraged to do so as long as the activities of such organizations do not interfere with the total educational program or disrupt District operations. To this end, booster club/support organizations must follow these guidelines:

1. be voluntary;
2. submit an activity schedule in advance to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee for prior approval.
3. any time a booster club uses the name of the District or any language suggesting that the District has endorsed sponsored or otherwise approved of the club’s activities, there must be prior approval by the Superintendent or his/her designee;
4. seek advance approval for any use of school facilities and/or equipment from the Superintendent or his/her designee;
5. avoid interference with any previously approved student activity;
6. understand and respect the authority of District employees in the administration of their duties; and
7. assume all financial responsibility for the booster club, including but not limited to the provision of adequate insurance coverage, as appropriate.

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If a booster club wishes to make a contribution of money, service time or tangible property such as equipment or supplies, a representative of the organization shall first meet with the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Superintendent or his/her designee must identify the District's terms and conditions of accepting such gifts in concert with the District's policy pertaining to gifts, grants and bequests.

The Board retains final responsibility and authority on all activities which have an impact on students, school programs and/or school owned property.

The Board shall ensure that equivalent benefits and services are provided to members of both sexes regardless of funding sources. Therefore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure that benefits and services are equivalent for both sexes.

- (cf. 1110.1 – Parental Involvement)
- (cf. 1140 – Distribution of Materials by Students)
- (cf. 1210 – School Community associations)
- (cf. 1323 – Gifts to Students)
- (cf. 1330 – Use of School Facility)
- (cf. 3280 – Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
- (cf. 3281 – School Fund Raising)
- (cf. 3515 – Community Use of School Facilities)

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