

**A. PRINCIPLES**

The board encourages the development and participation of parent organizations that support the goals of the board and the schools. The board recognizes that parent organizations are an effective means of involving parents in their child's schools. The superintendent and school administrators are expected to educate such organizations on the goals of the board and individual schools, especially as it relates to improving student success. The superintendent and school officials also are expected to help such organizations in identifying opportunities to assist the schools in meeting these goals. The superintendent and school administrators shall inform parent organizations of specific goals for each school and shall help these organizations identify opportunities to assist the school in achieving these goals.

**B. CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Parent organizations, including PTAs, PTOs and booster clubs, are not considered a part of the school district. However, because these organizations and their activities reflect upon the school district, all parent organizations must comply with the following conditions in order to operate in conjunction with the schools.

1. All parent organizations must provide the superintendent with a document describing the purpose of the organization and the general rules and procedures by which it will operate. Any later modifications to the organization's purpose or general rules and procedures also must be provided in writing to the superintendent.
2. Parent organizations must obtain prior approval from the principal for (a) any fund-raising event, (b) any purchase for the school, (c) any function involving the participation of students, or (d) any event which is likely to reflect upon the school or school district.
3. Fliers and other literature displayed or distributed by parent organizations must comply with policy 5210, Distribution and Display of Non-School Material.
4. Parent organizations are responsible for maintaining their own financial records. Employees of the school district are not permitted to manage the affairs of parent organizations during the workday.
5. Parent organizations are expected to consider the cultural diversity and economic differences of students and parents in planning school-related functions.

The superintendent shall grant or deny parent organizations approval to operate at each school. Parent organizations that do not comply with board policies may have approval to operate within the school revoked by the superintendent.

**DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Any item that a parent organization proposes to contribute to the school must meet all legal requirements, including safety codes. Before accepting a donation of equipment, supplies or funds, the principal must notify the superintendent and ensure that the donation complies with the requirements of policy 8220, Gifts and Bequests. All donated items become the property of the school district. While the intent of the donation will be considered, the school district reserves the right to modify the use of the donation if the needs of the students or the school district change.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002)

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