

The principal and superintendent, or designee, must approve a school's participation in a proposed national, state, or local contest for students. Approval must be based on the following:

- a careful investigation of the purpose and merits of the competition,
- assurance of the value of the contest to the student participants,
- all contest rules and regulations have been studied and are clearly understood,
- all students who qualify for participation are assured the equal opportunity to participate and will be well informed of their opportunity to participate and the contest's rules and regulations,
- absolutely no student is to be required to participate in any contest sponsored by an outside organization,
- the primary purpose of the contest must not be promotional.

Even when proposed student contests meet the above criteria, approval may be withheld if either of the following is true:

- the quantity of student contest opportunities during a school year becomes excessive,
- the format of the proposed student contest is overused (for example, poster or essay contests).

Legal References:

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), Curriculum Development (policy 3100), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430)

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