

### SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Board will encourage the work of a general, voluntary, school-connected organization of parents/guardians, school staff and friends of the school in each school. Such an organization may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs.

Such an organization shall have as its objectives the promotion of student welfare; the development of close relationships between the home and the school; and the development between educators and the public of such united efforts as will secure for every student in the schools the best kind of educational program possible.

Such an organization shall not use the District's name in its title without the Board's express consent. Such permission to use the District's name does not constitute permission to act as the District's representative.

The Board shall make it a practice not to interfere in the internal workings of such a group.

Permission to hold regular meetings of such an organization in school facilities will be extended by the Board of Education for a particular school year, in accordance with policy #1330.

The school principal or another professional staff member designated by the principal may serve as adviser to the general parent/teacher organization. All members of the professional staff shall be encouraged to join the organization and to participate in its activities.

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of Board (county vocational schools)

**Cross References:** \*1000/1010 Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives  
\*1100 Communicating with the public  
1210 Community organizations  
\*1330 Use of school facilities  
\*3280 Gifts, grants and bequests  
4136 Meetings/committees  
\*5020 Role of parents/guardians  
\*5136 Fund-raising activities  
\*6010 Goals and objectives

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

#### **Key Words**

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