

**Public Performance by Students**

The Board of Education recognizes the educational value from student participation in civic and community affairs. Teachers are encouraged to prepare students for public performances which contribute to student education when they do not interfere unduly with other educational activities or programs.

School groups may, as authorized by the Superintendent's regulations, participate in local public events.

School groups may participate in:

1. Events sponsored by the schools. Educational events in which the school serves as host shall have priority in scheduling appearances.
2. Community functions in the interests of the school, such as those originated by the PTO or other parent groups.
3. Non-commercial civic occasions of local, state or national interest.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Charity benefit activities provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the Superintendent.
6. Programs sponsored by established public agencies, or programs sponsored jointly by the school system and mass communication media where the time or space given to the programs are of public nature.

School groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications:

1. Events for private gain or for advertising of commercial projects or products. A school name, the names of school-sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in commercial events.
2. Events for furtherance of any politically partisan interest. In questionable cases the matter shall be referred to the Board of Education for its review.
3. Events primarily for furtherance of any religious concern, whether sectarian or non-sectarian in nature.
4. Events that unduly interfere with regular school programs, or that require excessive time for rehearsal or preparation.

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