

Policy

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Township of Union Board of Education 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 organizations may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs.

Such organizations shall have as their 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.

Organizations shall not use the district's name in their titles 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 groups.

Permission to hold regular meetings of such organizations in school facilities may 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.

Relations with Parent Organizations

The board endorses the creation of parents' organizations such as the PTA and Parent Advisory Councils as appropriate means of achieving effective and maximum feasible involvement of mothers, fathers, and other guardians of students in the affairs of our schools. The board expects all staff members, but most particularly principals, to work closely and in harmony with the officers and directors of all parents' organizations in the pursuit of the following goals:

- A. To involve parents/guardians and school personnel in a cooperative and sustained system of activities which will increase the educational opportunities of the children both in school and at home;
- B. To improve school-home relationships by enabling parents/guardians and school personnel to (a) define their relationship to each other; (b) define their roles as they pertain to the children served by the schools; and (c) identify family and community needs and resources, as well as school needs and resources;
- C. To provide teachers and administrators with opinions and viewpoints that will lead to a better analysis of the needs of students and more relevant program planning;
- D. To sustain parental interest through a program of training and consulting services;
- E. To develop the skills needed by school personnel to function effectively in a working relationship with parents/guardians and other community members; and
- F. To ensure the effectiveness of the school district's integration policy.

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Gifts from "Booster" Clubs

The Township of Union Board of Education appreciates the efforts of groups of parents/guardians and other concerned citizens who form "booster" clubs to contribute funds or equipment for district-approved student extracurricular activities which become the property of the board of education.

The superintendent and/or board secretary/school business administrator shall formulate procedures for control of such activities. Written agreements may be required. All fund raising is subject to audit. Each group shall submit an audit report, prepared in accordance with accepted accounting practices, and sworn to by the auditor, at least annually to the board secretary. Each audit shall be made as of June 30 of each year. All groups shall advise the board secretary of the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the financial affairs of the group, and the name, address and account number where the funds of the group are located.

Fund-raising events organized by booster clubs for approved programs or equipment may qualify for rent free use of school facilities; however, special police, custodians and other direct costs may be charged. The board secretary shall require proof of insurance for liability purposes.

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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)

Possible

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.