

Policy

CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

In allowing student contests by outside agencies, the chief school administrator shall determine whether extracurricular contests sponsored by organizations outside the schools interfere with the district's instructional program. When such contests involve public funds, school time, or faculty assistance to students in essay writing, poster making, or other activities, the chief school administrator shall determine whether the experiences are aligned to and in support of instruction and will clearly serve to advance the educational aims of the district. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for approving a contest.

Contests and awards whether local, state, or national shall be:

- A. For the benefit of the student;
- B. Open to all students on a non-discriminatory basis;
- C. Consistent with district objectives;
- D. Judged by disinterested parties;
- E. Properly supervised with safety precautions in place; and
- F. Voluntary for students and teachers.

Contests and awards by outside agencies shall not place undue time or financial burdens on students, teachers and parents. They shall not promote commercial products or partisan viewpoints. Participation shall not be dependent on the financial status of the student.

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 N.J.S.A. 18A:42-2 School orchestra not to compete with civilian musicians;
 exceptions
 N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible

Cross References: *1314 Fundraising by outside organizations
 *1320 Participation in out-of-school community activities

CONTESTS FOR PUPILS (continued)

*3280	Gifts, grants and bequests
*5126	Awards for achievement
*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6145.4	Public performances and exhibitions
*6153	Field trips

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