

Administrative Regulation

Contests for Students

Any contest which utilizes a district resource or communication service to involve district students in its activities must be approved by the district's committee on contests. Approved contests and related activities should benefit a student's educational, civic, social or ethical development. Participation in an approved contest is at the discretion of each school.

Approved contests and related activities may not be controversial in nature, sectarian, or principally concerned with propaganda or advertising of an individual or business. Student participation in an approved contest shall be voluntary and open to all students meeting the requirements for entry. Participants may not be required to pay an entry fee or purchase material in order to participate. Participants should not place undue burden on school programs nor require frequent school absences by participating students. Teachers should not be required to judge or select contestants in any approved contest. Financial awards and gift cards from district or student body funds are not permitted.

Request for district approval of any contest must be submitted to the appropriate office of instruction no later than May 1 of each year. Approvals issued are for the succeeding school year. The district's committee on contests, in extenuating circumstances, is authorized to waive the May 1 requirement.

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