

5880 PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students and to the community of the demonstration of student talents and skills in performances of student organizations in public events. The Board endorses such performances when they contribute to the instructional program, do not interfere with scheduled school activities, and do not exploit or endanger participating students.

Public performances of student organizations must be approved in advance by the Principal or designee. The members of a student organization invited to perform shall be polled for their willingness to perform. No student may be compelled to participate in an elective public performance or penalized for his/her failure to participate. Approval for a public performance will not be granted unless the staff advisor determines that the number of students who agree to participate is sufficient to represent the school fairly.

When public performances are scheduled as a regular part of a course of study taken for credit, students shall be informed in advance of their obligation to participate; they will be excused from participation only in accordance with Board policy on student attendance.

No student, student organization, or employee of this Board shall receive compensation for the performance in public of students organized for a school activity.

Public Performance

In planning for school programs, the Principal and his/her delegates should:

1. Maintain high standards of performance and conduct in all programs selected;
2. Make an effort to provide for the expression of divergent viewpoints where political concepts are being presented;
3. Review all program materials and offerings in advance of scheduling to determine sound educational value;
4. Seek counsel of supervisors on programs relating to their areas in the process of selection and if a controversial question should arise, consult with the Superintendent of Schools or designee;



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5. Make an effort to increase student involvement in planning and make greater use of community resources as opposed to paid professional performances.

At all school performances or assemblies open to the public, the school Principal or designee should publicly acknowledge the presence of Board of Education members and visiting school officials who are in attendance. Reserve seating should also be provided for the above.

Furthermore, the Building Principal or activity advisor should assure that all printed programs associated with school performances bear the names of the members of the district central administration and the Board of Education.

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