

## **SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL**

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SECTION: COMMUNITY  
TITLE: **RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**  
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### **RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **PURPOSE**

Any requests from civic organizations or special interest groups which involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to or by students, scholarships, fund-raising, or disseminating literature/materials must be examined to ensure that such activities primarily promote student interests, rather than the special interests of any particular group.

#### **AUTHORITY**

It is the policy of the Board that district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in Board policy.

The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting nonschool organizations.

#### **DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

All materials or activities proposed by outside sources for use by, participation in, or distribution to students or staff members shall be subject to prior review by the administration on the basis of educational value to the school program and benefit to students.

#### **GUIDELINES**

##### **Community Activities Involving Students**

The Board recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by community organizations but specifies that unreasonable demands on the time and energies of students and staff be prevented.

Requests for student participation in community sponsored activities must be made in writing to the administration, which will pass the request onto the CEO and the Board.

The school schedule may not be interrupted unless the majority of students in the school benefit from participation.

#### Fund-Raising

Fund-raising by outside groups is prohibited on school property or in the name of the school.

This policy does not apply to fund raising for school sponsored activities.

Staff members shall not release the names, addresses, or telephone numbers of students or staff members to any outside individual or agency.

#### Scholarships/Awards

The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations which offer scholarships or awards to deserving students; but in accepting such offers the Board directs that established guidelines be observed.

No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or award winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

The type of scholarship or award, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Board.

All pertinent information regarding the proposed scholarship or award shall be submitted for the CEO's review in advance of the date on which it is to be presented.

#### Dissemination of Literature/Materials

Only literature and materials directly related to school district activities or which contribute significantly to district instructional programs may be disseminated to or through students and staff members.

Schools shall not be used to publish or disseminate literature or survey forms of partisan sectarian or political organizations of any type.

Distribution of literature relevant to community welfare is permitted when prior approval is granted by the CEO and/or Board.

The Board prohibits posting and distributing on school property and literature or material that:

1. Is political in nature.
2. Promotes or denigrates a particular religion or religious practice.
3. Is derogatory toward any ethnic, religious or racial group.
4. Promotes or encourages hostility, disorder, violence, or disregard for violation of legal obligations.
5. Primarily promotes commercial enterprises.
6. Is libelous, or interferes with or advocates interference with the rights of any individual or the operation of the schools.
7. Promotes use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or paraphernalia.

8. Is obscene or pornographic in the context of being inconsistent with prevailing community standards.
9. Is not in the best interest of the students, staff or schools.

REFERENCES:

School Code 775