

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The board 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 pupil 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 pupil 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 will 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.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

Key Words

School-connected Organizations, Booster Clubs, Parent-Teacher Organizations, PTA, PTO

**Legal References**

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**Other Reasons:**

The board should make clear the limitations of authority of parent-teacher organizations, parent or alumni booster groups, etc.

**Recommendation:**

A policy outlining the role of school-related parent-teacher organizations.

Community organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, etc., would be dealt with in a policy addressing community organizations.

**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.

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