

**FUNDING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN OUT-OF-STATE CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the North Kingstown School Committee's expectation regarding the funding source which will be determined by the Superintendent for student participation in out-of-state contests and academic activities.

**PHILOSOPHY:**

The North Kingstown School Committee recognizes that student successes and achievements may well lead to the receiving of invitations of students to participate in activities and/or competitions in out-of-state events. It further acknowledges that under specified circumstances, it is appropriate that the School Department fund participation in such events.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The North Kingstown School Committee may financially support student participation in out-of-state events, contests and/or activities in keeping with stipulations as set forth herewith.

Competition

Qualification by Competitive Result

The School District will fund reasonable expenses for academic or athletic participation in out-of-state contests if, and only if, approval is sought and granted prior to the competition or activity which leads directly to the opportunity to advance; e.g., before a state championship tourney which qualifies the winner for a regional tournament. Superintendent approval must be received before School Committee consideration.

Qualification by Application

The School District will not fund expenses for out-of-state competitions when the entry into events is by application. Participation in such an event however, is not precluded by this policy as long as the individual(s), team or group recognizes that it has sole responsibility for funding, that both administrative and School Committee approval is sought and granted prior to fund raising activities, and that allowances are made for special needs within the group.

Qualification by Invitation

Normally, the School Committee will not fund activities for which qualification is by invitation. In these cases, the School Committee may take such action as it deems fit, following administrative approval of the event.

Non-Competition

The School District generally will not fund out-of-state activities.

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