

**Policy**

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DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

Students and faculty of the schools shall be protected from intrusions on their time during the school day by announcements, posters, bulletins, surveys, evaluations, questionnaires and communications of any kind from individuals and organizations not directly connected with the schools. The distribution in the schools of advertising pamphlets, pictures, posters and other materials from outside groups shall be left to the discretion of the superintendent, whose permission in writing shall be obtained prior to distribution.

The Bordentown Regional Board of Education recognizes that the contributions of persons and organizations outside the schools may, from time to time, take the form of materials, activities, and awards that tend to serve the interests of the contributor as well as benefit the school district generally and pupils individually.

The board reserves the right to review all such proposed contributions and to reject those that have:

- A. The primary effect of advancing the name, product, or special interest of a person, corporation or organization;
- B. Fail to meet district standards of accuracy and good taste;
- C. Are of little or no educational value to pupils; make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff and pupils or upon the resources of the district; interrupt or interfere with the regular school program; or
- D. Involve a direct cost to the district.

The approval of the use of any material or the conduct of any activity offered by an agency outside the schools shall not under any circumstances be construed as an endorsement by this board of any interest, cause, or organization.

Permission to solicit funds on school premises will be granted only to those persons and organizations whose purposes are consonant with the goals of this district and the interests of the community. Solicitation may not interfere with the orderly operation of the schools and must comply with board policy 1314 Solicitation of Students and Staff. The board will not be responsible for the protection of or accounting for such funds nor may any such funds be deposited in any district account.

The board forbids the distribution of political literature to or through the pupils of this district; further, no pupil under the jurisdiction of this board shall be requested or directed to engage in any activity that tends to promote, favor, or oppose a candidate for political office or a public question submitted at any election.

The board may permit the award of scholarships or prizes to deserving pupils provided that information regarding pupils is released only in accordance with board policy 5125 Pupil Records and includes consultation with appropriate staff members, the nature of the prize or award is approved by the principal, and the board determines the manner of presentation.

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Key Words

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<b>Legal References:</b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-34	Written approval required prior to acquisition of certain survey information from students
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-4	Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues or public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:34-6	Prohibited actions in polling place on election day, exception for simulated voting
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:34-15	Electioneering within or about polling place; disorderly persons offense
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-19.1	Solicitation on state owned property prohibited; certain circumstances
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:3D-55 et seq.	<u>New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act</u>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.2(a)4	Policies and procedures for school facility operation
	20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> 4071 – 4074	– <u>Equal Access Act</u>
	34 <u>CFR</u> 98.1	- Pupil Protection Rights Amendment

**Possible**

<b>Cross References:</b>	*1100	Communication with the public
	*1230	School-connected organizations
	*1314	Solicitation
	*1330	Use of school facilities
	*1600.1	Corporate sponsors
	*5136	Fund-raising activities
	*6142.10	Internet safety and technology

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.