

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Springfield, New Jersey 07081**

**POLICY: RELATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND STUDENTS/COMMUNITY  
SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS**

The Board, although cognizant of the values, both social and scholastic, derived by pupils participating in various community-sponsored activities, requires the following points be used in determining whether or not pupils may participate in such activities during school hours:

- A. Neither an individual nor the school as a whole shall be permitted to use school time in working on community sponsored projects unless such an undertaking is contributing to the educational program.
- B. Participation in the project will not deprive students of time needed in acquiring basic skills.
- C. The regular school schedule will not be interrupted unless the majority of the students benefit through their participation.

All requests for student participation in community activities are to be addressed to the Superintendent, who is authorized to make a final determination.

**Special Interest Groups**

The public schools cannot separate themselves from the institutions of business, press, religion, labor, charity, and other special interests that make up the total healthy life of the community. Strong bonds and lines of communication must be maintained in both directions.

**Legal References:**

**Cross References:**

3280 Gifts, Grants and Bequests  
5126 Awards for Achievement  
6145.1/6145.2/6145.4 Intermural/Interscholastic Competition  
6153 Field Trips

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