INSTRUCTION

Contests for Students Sponsored by Outside Organizations

A student activity sponsored by an outside organization which involves competition by students of one or more schools with awards or prizes shall be considered a contest. Student contests should support the educational program of the schools, contribute to student growth, and promote positive school/community relations. Student contests sponsored by outside organizations may be approved by the appropriate associate superintendent if the following criteria are observed:

1. The contest must be determined to be appropriate by school administration and staff.
2. The contest must be voluntary on the part of students.
3. The contest must promote no commercial products.
4. The contest must promote no partisan points of view with respect to controversial and political matters unless provision is made for alternative points of view.
5. The contest must require no entrance fee, or the fee must be structured so no student is prohibited from participation.
6. The contest rules must be clear and objective.
7. The contest must be planned to allow for effective administration and objective evaluation.
8. The contest must support the educational goals of the school and the instructional program.

A list of approved student contests will be maintained by the appropriate associate superintendent.

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