

## 9190 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

### Board Perspective

Moorestown Township Public Schools provides its student body with an extensive array of extracurricular activities and seeks to encourage participation to the fullest extent possible. These activities are an important component of a pupil's education, growth, and maturation. In addition to the activities provided by the Board, the Board also supports other community based activities that also play an integral role in the development of our pupils. The Board also recognizes that some activities are better provided by private organizations working in conjunction with the Board and its employees. This policy, however, shall not apply to or include any organization or club that is sanctioned, governed or regulated by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA).

The Board of Education recognizes various types of community organizations and clubs and defines their role with respect to our pupils and the district as follows:

### School Clubs

These organizations shall be defined as organizations whose members are only made up of district pupils and staff as defined in policy on Organizations; Associations (student counsel). All school clubs must be approved by the Principal.

School clubs utilize the Student Activities Account for all of their monetary activities. Only district pupils in good standing may participate or be members of these organizations. Fund-raising is subject to Board Policy on Fund-Raising Activities.

### School Booster Clubs

These organizations shall be defined as organizations and clubs whose sole mission is to conduct, regulate, and raise funds for district curricular or extracurricular purposes and whose membership includes individuals who are not pupils or staff of the district.

Because the activities of booster clubs also reflect on the district, the Board establishes guidelines for the operation of booster clubs in order to ensure that their activities assist in the attainment of district goals and objectives.

A booster club that is organized for the purpose of endorsing and supporting a school sponsored activity shall:

1. Be incorporated as a nonprofit organization;
2. Obtain its own tax identification numbers and register any financial account under its own name and tax identification.
3. Enter into a contract with this Board for the conduct of intended activities;
4. Obtain and provide evidence of liability insurance indemnifying the Board against all suits arising from the conduct of club activities in an amount as determined by administration on an annual basis;

5. Account to the Board for all funds raised through the conduct of school related activities;
6. Utilize all funds raised through the conduct of school related activities for the benefit of school programs;
7. Certify adherence to the policies of the school district;
8. Request permission of the Board before taking any group of pupils on a trip; and
9. Obtain the approval of the Superintendent before raising funds in the name of the district.

All of the above requirements shall be submitted to and/or approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as the Board's assumption of responsibility for any activity conducted by a booster club.

Non-compliance with items one (1) through nine (9) above will result in a hearing before a committee consisting of administrators and/or Board members to be held within thirty (30) days the Board receives information regarding the infraction.

- a. First offense shall result in immediate cessation of all activities until the issue(s) is resolved and reinstatement is approved by the Board committee;
- b. Second offense shall result in the suspension of all activities by the offending organization

#### Township Clubs

These organizations shall be defined as organizations whose mission is not only to support a district club or organization, but also to support other related organizations in Moorestown. Monies raised by these organizations are maintained by the organization and not through the Student Activities Account.

A Township Club is not subject to Board Policy on Fund-Raising Activities. However, if a Township Club chooses to make a targeted donation to the district, it would do so following the guidelines for donations as stated in Board Policy on Donations, Gifts, Grants and Bequests. These organizations may not use the school name, mascot or logo in their activities. Participation in Township Clubs by district pupils cannot be mandatory in order to participate in similar school based activities. Township Clubs are encouraged to coordinate their activities with school based activities and utilization of Board facilities is regulated by Board Policy on the Use of School Facilities.

#### Affiliate Clubs

These organizations shall be defined as organizations which wholly support an activity in which district pupils participate and who have received approval of the Board to use the school name, mascot and logo for the purposes of competing, recruiting, and recognizing participants. These organizations are not supported by any funds from the

District and therefore, are not subjected to Board Policy on Fund-Raising. If an Affiliate Club chooses to make a targeted donation it would do so following the guidelines for donations as stated in Board Policy Donations, Gifts, Grants and Bequests.

The status as an Affiliate Club should be reviewed and voted on by the Board on a yearly basis. Affiliate Clubs shall submit to the Board's Policy Committee by the end of April each year a summary of their actions and activities during the current school year (both up to the point of submission and for the remainder of the school year), proposed goals and activities for the following school year, and the most recent copy of the organization 'Bylaws/Constitution. Upon request, the organization shall send a representative to meet with the Board and/or a Committee. The Policy Committee should make a recommendation to the Board about each organization's continued affiliation."

Participants who are enrolled pupils in the district must adhere to the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, including the receipt of A and the affiliate club must abide by any other regulations agreed to with the Board of Education at the time of approval. Affiliate clubs are encouraged to coordinate their activities with school based activities. If an affiliate club chooses to make a targeted donation it would do so following the guidelines for donations as stated in the Board of Education Policy.

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