

# MONTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ADOPTED: 1/16/2007

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 775 Pol. 707</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 121</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">913. RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</p> <p>Any requests from civic organizations or special interest groups that involve activities such as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to or by students, <b>scholarships</b>, fundraising, or <b>disseminating literature</b>/materials must be examined to ensure that such activities primarily promote student interests, rather than the special interests of any particular group.</p> <p>It is the policy of the Board that district facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in <b>Board</b> policy.</p> <p><b>The Board prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting nonschool organizations.</b></p> <p><b>All materials or activities proposed by outside sources for use by, participation in, or distribution to students or staff members shall be subject to prior review by the Superintendent or designee on the basis of educational value to the school program, benefit to students, and factual accuracy.</b></p> <p><b><u>Community Activities Involving Students</u></b></p> <p><b>The Board recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by community organizations but specifies that unreasonable demands on the time and energies of students and staff be prevented.</b></p> <p><b>Requests for student participation in community-sponsored activities must be made in writing to the Board.</b></p> <p><b>The school schedule may not be interrupted unless the majority of students involved benefit from participation.</b></p> <p><b>Participating students may not leave the school district unless the Board policy for field trips has been followed or the Board has granted special permission.</b></p>
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	<p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Because fundraising drives divert time, energy and attention from the educational <b>program</b>, the Board sanctions only one (1) such drive per year. Proceeds of that drive may be allocated by the Superintendent <b>or designee</b> among the several worthy charities offering district-wide services, or given directly to the United Fund.</p> <p><b>This policy does not apply to fundraising for district-sponsored activities.</b></p> <p>Tickets to affairs sponsored by or for nonschool agencies shall not be sold in any school or on school premises by any school or school organization or by any nonschool organizations, except at the box office at specified times.</p> <p>Any <b>fundraising</b> campaign must be approved by the building principal and conducted at the specified times.</p> <p><b>Staff members shall not release the names, addresses, or telephone numbers of students or staff members to any outside individual or agency for fundraising purposes.</b></p> <p><u>Solicitations</u></p> <p>There shall be no solicitation of <b>employees or students</b> on personal matters on the school premises by <b>salespersons</b>.</p> <p><b>In the event that</b> an individual is present for purposes of solicitation during school hours, all necessary steps may be taken to remove him/her.</p> <p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></p> <p><b>Pol. 240</b> The acceptance of trophies, prizes, <b>scholarships or other</b> awards from persons or organizations not connected with the schools shall not be approved unless they conform to Board policy and the regulations <b>established by the district</b> providing for awards for distinguished success in any school activity.</p> <p><b>Pol. 216</b> <b>No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or award winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.</b></p>
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<p>Pol. 121.1</p>	<p><b><u>Dissemination of Literature/Materials</u></b></p> <p><b>Only literature and materials directly related to school district activities or contribute significantly to district instructional programs may be disseminated to or through students and staff members.</b></p> <p><b>District schools shall not be used to publish or disseminate literature or survey forms of partisan, sectarian or political organizations of any type.</b></p> <p><b>Distribution of literature relevant to community welfare is permitted when prior approval is granted by the Superintendent or designee.</b></p> <p><i>The Board prohibits posting and distributing on school property any literature or material representing a for-profit business/organization or any other that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Is political in nature.</b></li><li><b>2. Promotes or denigrates a particular religion or religious practice.</b></li><li><b>3. Is derogatory toward any ethnic, religious or racial group.</b></li><li><b>4. Promotes or encourages hostility, disorder, violence, or disregard for violation of legal obligations.</b></li><li><b>5. Primarily promotes commercial enterprises.</b></li><li><b>6. Is libelous, or interferes with or advocates interference with the rights of any individual or the operation of the schools.</b></li><li><b>7. Promotes use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or paraphernalia.</b></li><li><b>8. Is obscene or pornographic in the context of being inconsistent with prevailing standards.</b></li><li><b>9. Is not in the best interest of the students, staff or schools, in the opinion of the Superintendent or designee or building principal.</b></li></ol> <p><b><u>Travel Services/Foreign Trips</u></b></p> <p><b>All local, non-local, and extended travel by school groups shall be made in accordance with Board policy.</b></p>
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**Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Belong to an association of certified sellers of travel.**
- 2. Provide proof of insurance.**
- 3. Submit references.**
- 4. Provide proof of a performance bond.**
- 5. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances will be prohibited.**
- 6. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.**