

# POLICY

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## Board of Education

Bernards Township

File Code: 9700  
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Board of Education recognizes that contributions to the schools or awards to pupils given by persons and organizations outside the schools may 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, approve, or disapprove all such proposed contributions.

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 may be granted to 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. The Board is not 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 on school premises of political literature to or through the pupils of this District; further, no pupil shall be requested or directed by any student or employee 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 will permit the award of scholarships or prizes to deserving pupils provided that information regarding pupils is released only in accordance with Board policy on pupil records, the manner of selection of the recipient is approved by the principal and includes consultation with appropriate staff members.

LEGAL: N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4

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