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STUDENT ACTIVITIES - Contests

The Regional Office of Education believes the primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their students must be the most important consideration at all times. It shall therefore be a general practice to deny promotional aid, school time, or faculty assistance to pupil contests, involving essay writing, poster-making, or other activities sponsored by profit or non-profit businesses or organizations outside the school.

Exceptions may be made, if in the judgment of the Regional Superintendent or his/her designee a particular contest involves experiences which are closely allied to and in support of the instructional work of the school and which will clearly serve to advance the educational aims of the school. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for exception to the general policy.

Contests or projects, in general, should not interfere with the operation of the regular course of study in classes, or require a teacher to sacrifice time from the regularly planned program for students. The participation of teachers and students in any approved contest shall be voluntary.