

Policy

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Egg Harbor City Board of Education encourages the participation of community businesses, agencies, charitable organizations, cultural institutions, volunteer associations and other community groups in the district educational program and other school activities. The board believes that the involvement of community groups enriches the educational program and supports student achievement in the Core Curriculum Content Standards by increasing the relevance of the educational program to real life situations. The board directs the chief school administrator to be alert to the opportunities for an educational program expanded and enriched by utilization, both within and without the school district, of a diversity of community resources.

Each principal shall establish and maintain a file of community resources and invite the participation of community organizations and resource persons in the instructional program. Participation may include advice and assistance with instructional programs, cooperation in field trip planning and execution, the provision of speakers for in-school programs, and the provision of resource materials.

The chief school administrator shall determine those schools, instructional programs, and/or district operations that would profit by the involvement of community resources. The chief school administrator may establish a committee of staff members and community representatives to advise him or her on the availability of and best use of community resources as necessary.

The board shall follow all procedures in code and statute when a charter school is proposed for the district or when district students would be eligible to attend a charter school in another district.

The authority of the board to expend public funds is derived from the constitutional mandate to, "provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools." The donation of funds to any private organization, regardless of the merits of that organization's purposes, is not within the authority of the board and is prohibited.

The chief school administrator and/or the board shall approve all gifts and donations from community organizations including their use according to board policy 3280 Gifts, Grants and Bequests. The board shall approve in advance any fundraising activities done in the name of a district school or the district as a whole. The board shall approve in advance any activities involving district students, facilities or equipment.

All financial arrangements for such groups shall be handled according to their own charter, and not mingled in any manner with school funds.

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Key Words

Community Organizations, Community Agencies

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of Property
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
	*1100	Communicating with the public

TITLE (regulation continued)

*1140	Distribution of materials by staff and students
*1230	School connected organizations
*1330	Use of school facilities
*3280	Gifts, grants and bequests
*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5136	Fund-raising activities
*6010	Goals and objectives

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.