



Administrative Regulation 1321 Participation By School Groups in Public Events

Responsible Office: Office of School Leadership Engagement

REGULATION

1. School groups Washoe County School District (District) sponsored or recognized groups, activities and/or athletics (School Groups) may, with the permission of the principal, participate in local public events which fall into the following categories, provided participation is not harmful to the students' normal learning routine:
 - a. Events sponsored by the schools. Educational events in which the county schools serve as hosts shall have priority in scheduling events.
 - b. Community functions organized in the interest of the District, such as school fundraising events.
 - c. Noncommercial civic occasions of community, city, state, or national interests of sufficient breadth to enlist general community support.
 - d. Events that are related to State and Federal Patriotic recognitions, as the Nevada Day or Veteran's Day parade.
 - e. Events that benefit charities/non-profit organizations.
 - f. Programs sponsored jointly by the District with some other agency.
2. School Groups may, with the permission of the principal, participate in activities outside of Washoe County where one or more organizations of the school are a participant in a regularly scheduled event or contest.
3. School Groups desiring to participate in public events outside of the Washoe County wherein these events are not a regularly scheduled activity of the school shall request permission to participate from the Superintendent and/or designee well in advance of the anticipated activity.
4. School Groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following categories:
 - a. Events that are for the exclusive purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product. A school name, the names of school-sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in commercial events. In questionable cases, the matter shall be referred to the District Chief Communications and Community Engagement Officer.
 - b. Events promoting any politically partisan interest, or other organizations or issues as defined in Board Policy 1310, unless the President or Vice President of the United States is scheduled to attend. In questionable

cases, the matter should be referred to the Superintendent and/or designee.

- c. Events promoting any sectarian group. Church appearances of musical groups are allowed only on a concert basis.
- d. Events that cause undue amount of interference with student participation during the regular school day that cause an excessive amount of student absence during school hours due to rehearsal or preparation.
- e. School-sponsored musical organizations in competition with professional musicians off school property.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 1. This Administrative Regulation reflects the goals of the District’s Strategic Plan and aligns and complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 1321, Participation by School Groups in Public Events.

REGULATION HISTORY

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