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3230 OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes that teaching staff members enjoy a private life outside their job responsibilities in the school district. The Board believes the role of the teaching profession is such that teachers exert a continuing influence away from the school district. Accordingly, the Board reserves the right to determine if activities outside the teaching staff member's job responsibilities interfere with their professional performance and the discharge of the member's responsibilities to the students of this district.

All teaching staff members are advised to be governed in the conduct of personal activities by the following guidelines:

- 1. Teaching staff members shall not devote time during their work day to an outside private enterprise, business, or business organization. They shall not solicit or accept customers for a private enterprise, business, and/or business organization on school grounds during their work day without the express permission of the Superintendent;
- 2. The Board does not endorse, support, or assume liability in any way for any staff member of this district who takes students on trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent, and shall not be liable for the welfare of students who travel on such trips. Any staff member who takes students of this district on a trip not approved by the Board or Superintendent shall clearly and concisely inform the parent(s) of any student solicited and/or attending such a trip that the trip is not endorsed, supported, approved, or authorized by the Board of Education. A staff member shall not solicit students on school grounds for trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent
- 3. The Board does not endorse, support, or assume liability in any way for any teaching staff member of this district who conducts a private activity in which students or employees of this district participate;
- 4. Teaching staff members shall not, send campaign literature home with students, or request, direct, or have students distribute campaign literature on behalf of any candidate for local, State, or national office or for any bond issue, proposal, or any public question submitted at any general, municipal, or school election. No student shall be requested or directed by any teaching staff member to engage in any activity which tends to promote, favor, or oppose any such candidacy, bond issue, proposal, or public question;



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- 5. Teaching staff members shall not privately tutor students for compensation that are currently enrolled in their classes; and
- 6. Copyrights and patents to materials or equipment developed, written, prepared, processed, or tested by teaching staff members in the performance of their professional duties reside with and may be claimed by the Board.

Private Tutoring

The Board recognizes that the discharge of its responsibility to provide a thorough and efficient system of education for each child in the district may require special help for some pupils beyond the regular classroom program. Tutorial instruction shall be interpreted to mean individualized instruction additional to, and in support of, regular classroom instruction.

Wherever possible within the working day, each teaching staff member shall assist assigned pupils in the remediation of individual learning difficulties.

In certain cases where extra help is desirable and the parents/guardians request such assistance, a teacher or administrator may recommend that the parents/guardians secure tutorial services for the pupil.

To avoid placing a teacher in a position where he/she may have a conflict of interest, teachers shall not tutor, for a fee, pupils enrolled in their classes or upon whose evaluation or assignment they may be called upon to pass. Nor shall any employee of the Board make a commitment to perform services for extra pay when he/she has been instrumental in recommending the need for those services. Exceptions may be made upon administrative review.

Teachers shall not tutor any pupil for pay during regular working hours or on school premises.

School staff members shall not use district resources or use district data for any students enrolled in the district for any private tutoring services without express written permission from the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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