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CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Contests for students which are not school sponsored may be permitted when the Principal and Superintendent judge that the contest fits into the overall instructional objectives of the school.

The following statements are to guide the administration in deciding if a contest is permitted:

1. The primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of the pupils must be the first consideration at all times.
2. Schools shall not be used to promote private interests and causes that have not gained general approval as being for the public welfare.
3. The sponsor of the contest must be able and ready to assume all administrative and clerical burdens in connection with the activity, such as the preparation of information or informative materials, reading and judging of essays, management and judging of debates, and awarding prizes to winners.
4. The contest must be such that individual students are able to work out contributions by their own efforts.
5. The subject must not be commercial, controversial, sectarian, or concerned with propaganda. It must emphasize high moral standards, good citizenship, and intellectual competence.
6. The contest should not place an undue burden on students, teachers, or school or require frequent or lengthy absence of participants from school.
7. The sponsor of the outside activity should submit his/her request to the Principal and/or Superintendent not less than six weeks before the time set to begin the activity, in order that adequate preparations and/or adjustments may be made in the school program.
8. Contest sponsors must abide by all policies and rules of the Dover School District.