

# PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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## 230-AR-0. PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS

Student participation in school-sponsored public performances, productions and contests will be limited to those activities that are educationally sound, worthy and timely. Performances and productions should contribute to educational goals and objectives. Student participation should supplement and enrich the school experience and not substantially disrupt regularly scheduled classes and activities.

The building principal, in cooperation with faculty advisors, will ensure that the following guidelines are followed regarding public performances by students:

1. Written parental permission is sought and received prior to students participating in any public performance taking place outside of the student's school.
2. Arrangements are made to provide proper supervision and to assure that participating students conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to the school.
3. When public performances are scheduled as a regular part of a planned course of instruction taken for credit, students will be informed in advance of their obligation to participate in public performances. Students will be excused from participation only in accordance with the Board policy and administrative regulations governing school attendance.
4. The interests of students will be protected and guarded against exploitation for personal or business gain and from added work and/or responsibilities.
5. No district student, group of students, or employees will receive compensation for a public performance of students organized as school representatives.
6. All student members of the group invited to perform will be polled for their willingness to do so. No request for a student performance will be granted unless the faculty advisor believes a sufficient number of students will participate.

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Requests that require students to be away from the district overnight must be submitted to the Superintendent at least six (6) weeks in advance of the proposed activity.

Prior to making a commitment for a school-sponsored group to participate in a public performance, the faculty advisor will provide written assurance to the principal or Superintendent that the activity in which the group proposes to participate is not politically affiliated and that participation will not create a conflict with students' academic programs.

The faculty advisor is responsible for making arrangements for the transportation of school-sponsored student groups to public performances.

### Permission Forms

The faculty advisor will prepare a blanket permission form, approved by the building principal. The form will be distributed to parents/guardians, and their signature will indicate their willingness to have their student participate in the activities and public performances of the group.

Permission forms will be distributed at the start of each school term. The faculty advisor will collect and maintain the permission forms for all students.

New students who join a student group throughout the term will be issued a permission form at the time of enrollment.

### School Productions

The faculty advisor of a student production will make a tentative selection of the production and will submit the recommendation to the principal. The principal will have final approval of the selection of a school production.

The faculty advisor, in cooperation with the building principal, will ensure that a student production contains no speech that:

1. Is vulgar, indecent or obscene.
2. Voices libelous comments, personal attacks or abusive language, such as language defaming an individual's race, religion, ethnic origin, gender, family status or disability.
3. Causes or clearly threatens to cause a material and substantial disruption of normal school functions or activities.
4. Encourages commission of unlawful acts or violation of lawful school rules or regulations.

5. Promotes any product or service not allowed to minors by law.

Student Representation

Representing the school and the school district in a public performance is an honor accorded students who display good citizenship.

A student's single act of egregious behavior or persistent disregard for Board policies, Code of Student Conduct, administrative regulations or school rules will be cause for the building principal or designee to refuse to allow a student to represent the school or the school district.

When a faculty advisor or principal believes grounds exist to refuse a student's participation in a public performance, the principal and advisor will have a conference to share all available information.

The students and the parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible when a student is being denied the privilege of representing the school in a public performance.

In a case of a student violating Board policy, Code of Student Conduct, administrative regulations or school rules, discipline will be in accordance with the relevant documents, which may include exclusion from participation in the school-sponsored activity.