

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, BOOSTER CLUBS AND FOUNDATIONS

Parent organizations, booster clubs, and foundations are invaluable resources to the District's schools. While parent organizations and booster clubs have no administrative authority and cannot determine District policy, the School Board welcomes their suggestions and assistance.

Parent organizations, booster clubs, and foundations are recognized by the School Board and permitted to use the District's name, a District school's name, or a District school's team name, or any logo attributable to the District provided they first receive the Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent/designee's express written consent. Consent to use one of the above mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club regularly maintains by-laws containing the following:

1. The organization's or club's name and purpose, such as, to enhance students' educational experiences, to help meet educational needs of students, to provide extra athletic benefits to students, to assist specific sports teams or academic clubs through financial support, or to enrich extra-curricular activities.
2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
3. An agreement to adhere to all Board policies and administrative procedures.
4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted, meaning that membership is open to parents/guardians of student enrolled in the school, District staff, and community members.
5. A statement that the District is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization's or club's business or the conduct of its members.
6. An agreement to maintain and protect its own finances by arranging regular audits and obtaining a bond.
7. A Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) on record with the school in which the organization is affiliated.
8. A recognition that money given to a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense. Booster clubs may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable consideration must be given to the District to use at its discretion. The School Board's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede an organization or club's recommendation.

Permission to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos may be rescinded at any time and does not constitute permission to act as the District's representative. At no time does the District accept responsibility for the actions of any parent organization, booster club, or foundation, regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the above-mentioned names or logos. The Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent shall designate an administrative staff member to serve as the liaison to parent organizations, booster clubs, or foundations. The liaison will serve as a resource person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, guidelines, and emerging issues. The activities of such organizations will be coordinated

with the appropriate administrator, and projects impacting the overall District will be pre-approved by the Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent/designee. Parent organizations that intend to raise funds for the neighborhood school must comply with any applicable State or federal laws, including the Illinois Not for Profit Corporate Act. Building staff will be encouraged to participate in the organization.

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