

**Policy**

PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Volunteers

The Passaic Board of Education encourages volunteers and/or residents of the community who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics to take an active part in school affairs. Such persons may be invited to act as advisers both as groups and individually in:

- A. Clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by our residents regarding school;
- B. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for students; evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices;
- C. Giving active assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the superintendent and staff deem such aid valuable;
- D. Offering suggestions on a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the board must make a decision;
- E. Coordinating the delivery of social services to students.

Volunteers carrying out prescribed functions under the supervision of designated professional certificated staff members shall be covered by the board's liability insurance policy.

Community Input

The superintendent shall supervise development of programs and procedures to enlist community participation in school events and deliberations. He/she shall keep on file information on all volunteers and documentation that requirements of law have been fulfilled.

The board, superintendent, and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice that they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the school, especially those individuals and groups that have been invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems. The board, superintendent, and staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

The superintendent shall report to the public annually on all aspects of community support of the educational program.

Public Attendance at School Events

The board welcomes the attendance of members of the community at athletic event, theatrical and music performances, and other public events held by the schools of the district.

To maintain order and preserve the facilities of the district during the conduct of such events community members, students and staff are expected to follow the policies and rules of the district for appropriate conduct. The board may bar the attendance of any person at a school event whose conduct constitutes a disruption. The board prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at any function sponsored by the district, and, further, prohibits wagering on school premises. There will be no smoking at any public function held in a school building or on school grounds.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements

Possible

Cross References: \*1000/1010 Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives  
\*1120 Board of education meetings  
1210 Community organizations  
\*1220 Ad hoc advisory committees  
\*5020 Role of parents/guardians  
\*6162.4 Community resources

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.