

MUSCATINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

504.5 STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Students, as part of the education program, may participate in contests or other public and private events approved by the superintendent that will be of benefit to the student and the education program. Performance at such events is a privilege.

The Board of Directors recognizes that students gain useful and appropriate educational values from participating in civic and community affairs. The Board encourages public performances when such performances contribute to the educational processes and objectives of the school, and when it does not interfere with the student program.

Students represent their school when they participate in school-sponsored activities and will be expected to behave appropriately. Further, the presentations must be appropriate to assure that the students learn and meet the goals of the activity and that the audience is not exposed to material that may be inappropriate for their level of maturity.

The superintendent shall determine whether the event will benefit the education program and the participating students. These guidelines should be followed:

1. All such performances shall be approved by the administrator supervising the activity.
2. All groups of students should have an opportunity to participate.
3. Extensive travel by any group is discouraged.
4. Below the senior high level, student groups will be permitted to perform on a limited basis.

Students will be allowed to perform in these events only with proper permission and supervision and when the events do not disrupt the education program or other school district operations. The events must be approved by the superintendent, unless it involves unusual travel and expense, in which case the board must approve of the performance.

It is within the discretion of the superintendent to determine whether the event will benefit the education program and the participating students. Contests or other performances by students unapproved by the superintendent are the responsibility of the parent and the student.

LEG REF: _____ *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Iowa Code §§ 280.13; 280.14.
281 I.A.C. 12.6.

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