

SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Policy

Public Performances by Students

The Board recognizes the educational value from student participation in civic and community affairs. Teachers are encouraged to prepare students for public performances which contribute to student education when they don't interfere unduly with other educational activities or programs. School groups may, as authorized by Superintendent's regulations, participate in local public events.

Students, with the Principal's permission may participate in the following local public events:

1. Events sponsored by the schools. Educational events in which the school serves as host shall have priority in scheduling appearances.
2. Community functions in the interests of the school, such as those originated by a PTA/PTO or other parent groups.
3. Noncommercial civic occasions of local, state or national interest.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Charity benefit activities provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the Superintendent.
6. Programs sponsored by established public agencies, or programs sponsored jointly by the school system and mass communication media where the time or space given to the programs are of a public nature.

School groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications:

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product. A school name, the names of school-sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in events of a commercial nature.
2. Events for furtherance of any politically partisan interest. In questionable cases the matter shall be referred to the Board for its review.
3. Events that are primarily for proselizing a religion.
4. Events that cause an undue amount of interference with regular school programs, or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation.