

**Extra-Curricular Academic Competition/Contests**

**Code #375.00**

Tri-County Area School District students shall be allowed to participate in competitive academic contests, i.e. Quiz Bowl, Math League and/or Gifted/Talented activities with prior approval of the Administration.

While there is no intent to refuse to cooperate with agencies sponsoring worthwhile contests, there is very definitely a desire to keep such cooperation within reasonable bounds. The following statements shall be a guide for determining participation in contests.

- a. The primary educational aims of the District and the needs and interests of the student must be a consideration at all times.
- b. The District shall not be used to promote private or commercial interests.

SCHOOL SPONSORED CONTESTS -- Students will be reimbursed a stipend for meals, lodging, transportation and participation fees when they represent the school in local, regional, or state level competition or conferences. Prior to the attendance at the competition or conference, a faculty advisor shall submit a request for attendance to the Principal. The request shall include an itemized list of the anticipated expenses. The expenses shall be reasonable for the location of the event and the length of the stay. The Principal shall be responsible for submitting the anticipated expense list to the District Administrator for final approval.

NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED CONTESTS -- Students will be allowed to participate in non-school sponsored contests (non-athletic camps, workshops, enrichment programs, special tuition programs, summer school programs or performances) with approval from the Administration. Students are to submit their requests to the Principal. Final approval will be made by the principal and District Administrator. Reimbursements that are approved may not exceed \$2,500.00 for the entire student body per year. Proof of attendance in the workshop, etc. must be submitted to the District bookkeeper for reimbursement.

Students will be released from school time if the benefits of a national contest so warrant. However, the District will not provide a stipend for meals, lodging, transportation or fees for contest entry. The Board believes national competition is not the financial responsibility of the District.

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