

# **POLICY**

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## **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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### CONTESTS FOR PUPILS

All contests intended for distribution in the school to students must first be approved by the chief school administrator. Participation shall not interfere with the instructional program.

When such contests involve promotional aid, school time, or faculty assistance to pupils in essay writing, poster making, or other activities, the chief school administrator shall determine whether the experiences are closely enough allied to and in support of the instructional work of the school and will clearly serve to advance the educational aims of the district.

The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes shall not of themselves constitute sufficient reason for approving a contest.

Contests and awards whether local, state, or national shall be:

- A. For the benefit of the pupil;
- B. Open to all pupils on a non-discriminatory basis;
- C. Consistent with district objectives;
- D. Judged by disinterested parties;
- E. Properly supervised with safety precautions in place;
- F. Voluntary for pupils and teachers.

Contests and awards shall not place undue time or financial burdens on pupils, teachers and parents. They shall not promote commercial products or partisan viewpoints. Participation shall not be dependent on the financial status of the pupil.

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