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PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS 9.10

Each school principal is encouraged to cooperate with parent and school support groups in the District. The school principal shall be responsible for forming and assisting organizations which are desired and necessary for the school program; such organizations shall be kept active by the school principal for the duration of their need and encouraged to maintain accurate financial and activity records.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION 9.20

Because the schools belong to the people who created them by consent and who support them by taxation, it is the declared intent of the School Board:

- (1) To keep the citizens adequately informed through appropriate channels of communication on policies, programs, problems, needs and the planning of the school system and to carry out this policy through its own efforts and the Office of the Superintendent.
- (2) To seek advice and opinion of the people of the School District.
- (3) To require each school and the District staff members to cooperate in keeping the public informed of all newsworthy events which would be of interest or concern to the citizens of the District and which would promote the welfare of the school system; provided, that any news release by a particular school be approved by the principal, and that any release relating to the District as a whole shall be approved by the Superintendent.

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USE OF FACILITIES 9.30*+

Public schools belong to the public. Full utilization of these facilities for educational, cultural and artistic programs is encouraged.

(1) Subject to the approval of the principal in charge of the facility and the Superintendent, school facilities may be used by all school organizations, parent-teacher organizations and school related organizations; civic, social and service groups; churches, business organizations and responsible individuals.

(2) The Superintendent and Board shall prepare procedures for application and approval, criteria for charges and requirements for insurance and supervision, which, upon approval by the board, become a part of this rule by reference.

(a) If required, there shall be an insurance payment fee. The payment of fee shall be in accordance with subsection (3) herein.

(b) Sufficient supervision and adequate custodial service of the school facility shall be determined by the principal.

(c) The use of the cafeteria shall require permission from the principal. The use of school food service facilities shall require that the food service equipment be operated by a food service employee(s) or School Board employee.

(3) Payment of Required insurance fees. Full reimbursement for custodial, supervisory, and other required services or for damages to the facility, furnishings, or equipment shall be paid within ten (10) days of billing.

(4) Liability and Insurance Coverage. Each organization utilizing school facilities shall:

(a) Agree to hold the School Board harmless from any liability which may accrue the School Board as a result of use;

(b) Execute a form of indemnity agreement as prescribed by the Superintendent.

(5) Prohibit Uses of School Facilities. School property, facilities, and equipment shall not be used for the following purposes:

(a) Programs involving any form of gambling or other illegal activity;

(b) Programs in violation of Florida Statutes or School Board rules.

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(6) Special Provision. The following special provisions shall apply:

(a) Restrooms shall be made available for all organizations using the school facilities.

(b) If a principal has a request from a group which he feels may be controversial, he may require this group to present their request to the Superintendent to be included in an agenda for a regular School Board meeting for consideration by the School Board.

(7) Appeals to the Superintendent. A person who feels his / her organization was improperly denied use of school facilities or an improper charge or fee was assessed may file an appeal with the Superintendent for resolution.

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ADVERTISING IN SCHOOLS 9.40

School facilities shall not be used for advertising or otherwise promoting the interests of any commercial, political, or other non-school agency; or individual organization; nor shall School Board employees or students be employed in such a manner. Advertising on school buses shall be prohibited. The following are exceptions:

- (1) School officials, with the Superintendent's approval, may cooperate with any governmental agency in promoting activities in the general public's interest or may cooperate in furthering the work of any non-profit community-wide social service agency; provided, that such cooperation does not restrict or interfere with the educational program of the school and is non-partisan and non-controversial.
- (2) A school may use film or other educational materials which contain advertising. The film or material shall be carefully evaluated by the school principal for classroom use to determine whether the film or material contains undesirable propaganda.
- (3) The Superintendent may announce or authorize to be announced any lecture or community activity of particular educational merit.
- (4) Demonstrations of educational materials and equipment shall be permitted with the principal's approval.
- (5) Schools may utilize athletic facilities for commercial advertising to support school programs. The principal shall maintain approval rights on the content and form of such advertising. Money collected from these commercial advertisements shall be deposited into the proper internal account.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE AND MATERIALS TO STUDENTS 9.50

(1) Literature or materials which originate from out-of-school sources shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee prior to distribution to students.

(2) Posted materials shall be approved by the principal.

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VISITORS 9.60

Any person entering the premises of a school shall report to the principal or his/her supervisory designee and make known the purpose of the visit.

- (1) This policy does not apply to routine deliveries or scheduled maintenance visits.
- (2) A student not enrolled in the school or a student not accompanied by a parent, as defined by Florida Statutes, is prohibited from visiting a school unless otherwise approved by the principal.
- (3) Parents are invited to visit the schools. To avoid interrupting the daily program, the parent should request a conference for after school hours or during a teacher's conference period. Parents are encouraged to plan such conferences with teachers and shall sign in at the principal's office and be issued a visitor's badge at the time they arrive on the campus.
- (3) Any person who enters or remains upon District property without legitimate purpose may be found to be trespassing and, therefore, in violation of Florida Statutes and subject to arrest and penalties as defined by statutes.

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RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES 9.70

- (1) When possible, the Board will cooperate with local, state and federal organizations or agencies; however, such cooperation shall not be at the expense of district level or local school programs.
- (2) The Superintendent may initiate or accept proposals and request for cooperative endeavors; major final action shall be subject to Board review and approval.
- (3) Community relations of a continuing nature may be temporarily approved by the Superintendent if they involve no cost to the system, and will neither disrupt the school system nor involve substantial use of facilities or personnel.
- (4) Formal agreements shall require advance Board approval. The Board shall also review and approve major cooperative agreements or arrangements between other school districts, colleges, universities, correctional schools or other educational organizations.
 - (5) Guidelines related to joint activities and requests for cooperation shall address costs which may be incurred, the extent of school personnel involvement, and prior agreements or arrangements with the same or similar organizations.
- (6) Long range facilities planning shall be coordinated with other governmental agencies as required by law.

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SCHOOL CONCURRENCY 9.80

The School Board shall adopt and maintain a school concurrency system in conjunction with the county and local municipalities. The role of public school concurrency is to ensure that the capacity of schools is adequate to support growth and development at the adopted levels of service. Concurrency provides coordination of the planning and building of new schools with land development.

1. Interlocal Agreement

The School Board shall enter into an interlocal agreement with Jackson County and the municipalities within the county for school facility planning. The interlocal agreement shall establish specific ways in which School Board and local government plans and processes are coordinated. The agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Coordinated procedures for implementing school concurrency;
- B. A public schools facilities element;
- C. Level of service standards to be applied consistently to all schools of the same type by the School Board and local governments with the exception of interim standards that may be adopted for specific schools;
- D. School concurrency service areas that utilize available school capacity and make efficient use of new and existing public schools consistent with the level of service standards;
- E. A process for the development of siting criteria for the location of public schools;
- F. The requirement that the public school capital facilities program meets the financial feasibility requirements of law and rule;
- G. A process for determining proportionate-share mitigation to offset the impact of proposed development that would cause the level of service standards to be exceeded;
- H. Provision for monitoring and evaluating the school concurrency system; and
- I. Provision for amending the agreement

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2. Application for School Concurrency Determination

- A. The District shall establish procedures for a developer to submit an application for school concurrency determination. The impact of the residential development on the school system shall be evaluated.
- B. The application shall be forwarded to the local government to determine if the proposed project is appropriate in relation to the local government's comprehensive plan and land development regulations.

3. Concurrency Review Fees

- A. The School Board shall establish fees to offset the cost of reviewing the impact of proposed residential developments for school concurrency. The nonrefundable fee shall be paid to the School Board of Jackson County, Florida.
- B. The School Board shall establish a fee for negotiation and determination of proportionate-share mitigation.

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