

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT ACADEMIC
CONTESTS/COMPETITIONS

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5130.3*

240. STUDENT ACADEMIC CONTESTS/COMPETITIONS

1. Purpose

Participation in interstate, national, or regional tournaments, festivals, exhibitions, or other types of multiple school competitions or individual student competition representing the district may be approved by the Superintendent or his or her designee only if the event appears on the approved list of the National Association of Secondary School Principals or the National Elementary Principals' Association.

If a national contest is not listed, it may be submitted for review on a case by case basis by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

On the state and local levels, the contest or activity will be considered on a case by case basis by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

2. Guidelines

The loss of class time for preparation and competition shall be kept to a minimum, and long (in duration) and expensive out-of-state trips during the school year shall be discouraged.

Contests or other activities involving awards to students by agencies outside the district shall not be permitted unless approved by the Superintendent. The activity must have educational value and shall be of a noncommercial nature.

Requesting District Funds

It shall be the policy of the district that all district funds for local, regional, state and national travel be treated equitably and fairly. Those requesting district reimbursement shall provide the following substantiation:

1. A statement that the purpose of the intended travel is to officially represent the district in academic competition.
2. The travel must be recommended by the building principal, a sponsoring teacher, and the Superintendent or his or her designee.
3. A detailed description of the cost of the trip and its purpose.

	<p>If the Board determines that the purpose of the travel is to officially represent the district in competition, and the travel is in the best interest of the student(s) and the district, then the district may, in its sole discretion, contribute towards the cost of the trip.</p>
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