

VENANGO TECHNOLOGY CENTER

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NONSCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/
INDIVIDUALS

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">913. NONSCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUALS</p> <p>Any requests from nonschool organizations, groups or individuals seeking to have students participate in or be informed of the opportunity to participate in nonschool-sponsored activities, awards or scholarships shall be governed by this policy.</p> <p>Nonschool organizations, groups or individuals - those entities that are not part of the school program, school-sponsored activities, or organized pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code or Joint Committee policy. When employees, students or Joint Committee members act on behalf of a nonschool organization or group, or on their own behalf, this policy applies to them.</p> <p>Nonschool materials - any printed or written materials prepared by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals for posting or general distribution which are not prepared as a part of the curricular or approved extracurricular programs of the center. This includes such things as fliers, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, posters, Internet bulletin boards, nonschool organization web sites and the like.</p> <p>Distribution - handing nonschool written materials to others on school property or during school-sponsored events; placing upon desks, tables, on or in lockers; or engaging in any other manner of delivery of nonschool written materials to others while on school property or during school functions. When e-mail, text messaging or other technological delivery is used as a means of distributing or accessing nonschool written materials via use of school equipment or while on school property or at school functions, it shall be governed by this policy.</p> <p>Posting - publicly displaying nonschool written materials on school property or at school-sponsored events, including but not limited to affixing such materials to walls, doors, bulletin boards, easels, the outside of lockers, on school-sponsored web sites, through other school-owned technology and the like.</p> <p>Prohibited activities and materials - activities and materials which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Libelous, defamatory, obscene, lewd, vulgar, or profane.
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Violate federal, state or local laws. 3. Violate Joint Committee policy, administrative regulations or school rules. 4. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct and substantial danger to the health or welfare of students, such as tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs or paraphernalia. 5. Incite violence. 6. Advocate use of force or urge violation of federal, state or municipal law, Joint Committee policy, administrative regulations or school rules. 7. Interfere with or advocate interference with the rights of any individual or the orderly operation of the school and its programs.
<p>3. Authority Pol. 707</p>	<p>It is the policy of the Joint Committee that the center’s facilities be used in accordance with the guidelines established in Joint Committee policy.</p>
<p>SC 1850.1</p>	<p>The Joint Committee prohibits the use of students and staff members for advertising or promoting nonschool organizations, groups or individuals during instructional time or at school-sponsored locations or events not otherwise open to nonschool organizations, groups or individuals.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Director or designee shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy, unless otherwise specifically noted in this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Nonschool Activities/Materials</u></p> <p>The Joint Committee recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in various activities sponsored by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals, but specifies that unreasonable demands on the time and energies of students and staff by such entities during school hours, or at school-sponsored activities, be prevented.</p> <p>Requests for student participation in nonschool organizations, groups or individually sponsored activities must be made in writing to the Director or designee in accordance with administrative regulations, written announcements and this policy.</p>

	<p>Activities sponsored by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals may not occur, and nonschool written materials may not be used, during instructional time or school-sponsored activities unless they are of educational value to the school program, they benefit students or the school community, and they are factually accurate. Prohibited activities or materials may never be used.</p> <p>Where the nonschool entity is a for-profit entity that will benefit commercially from an activity or distribution of its material during instructional time, other factors must outweigh the commercial benefit to the nonschool entity; and the Joint Committee must approve proposals that would commercially benefit a for-profit entity.</p> <p>A review of any activities or nonschool written materials under this policy shall not discriminate on the basis of content or viewpoint, except that prohibited activities or materials will be rejected, as will any activities or materials that do not comply with Joint Committee policy, administrative regulations, or written announcements relating to the proposed nonschool-sponsored activity or materials.</p>
<p>Pol. 121</p>	<p>Participating students may not leave the center unless the Joint Committee policy for field trips has been followed or the Joint Committee has granted special permission.</p>
	<p><u>Fundraising</u></p>
<p>SC 775</p>	<p>Fundraising by nonschool organizations, groups or individuals is prohibited on school property or in the name of the center.</p>
	<p>Directory information regarding students or staff may only be released in accordance with law and Joint Committee policy. Directory information for students or staff members will not be released to nonschool organizations, groups or individuals that seek this information for the purpose of fundraising.</p>
	<p><u>Scholarships/Awards</u></p>
	<p>The Joint Committee is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships or awards to deserving students; but, in accepting such offers, the Joint Committee directs that established criteria be observed.</p>
<p>Pol. 216</p>	<p>No information, either academic or personal, shall be released from a student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or award winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents/guardians of a student who is younger, in accordance with the Joint Committee's policy on student records.</p> <p>The scholarship or award, and any pertinent restrictions, shall be approved by the Joint Committee.</p>

All pertinent information regarding the scholarship or award shall be submitted for review by the Director or designee prior to the date on which it is to be presented.

If agreeable to the sponsoring organization, the selection of a recipient shall be delegated to the Director and staff committee.

Travel Services/Foreign Trips

Solicitation and sale of travel services for foreign trips to students may be permitted with the approval of the Joint Committee.

Sellers of travel services to students must meet the following criteria:

1. Belong to an association of certified sellers of travel.
2. Provide proof of insurance.
3. Submit references.
4. Provide proof of a performance bond.
5. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances will be prohibited.
6. Include in all information provided to students and parents/guardians that the activity is not a school-sponsored event.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 775, 779, 1850.1

Joint Committee Policy – 000, 121, 216, 707