

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Greenwich, Connecticut

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**Policy E-002 - WHOLE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

**Procedure E-002.5 – STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES**

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The Superintendent discourages the participation of students either on or off school property during normal school hours in activities which are not part of the curriculum and/or school activities program. Permission for participation of students in activities of a non-educational nature must be obtained from the Superintendent or building principal and the parent or guardian to ensure that students are not exploited.

The Superintendent recognizes that worthy educational values may be served by student participation in civic and community affairs. Instructors may provide students for public performances and/or community activities when such performances/events contribute to the educational process and objectives of the particular class.

School-sponsored groups and individuals may, with the permission of the principal, participate in local public events which fall into the following classifications:

1. Events sponsored by the schools.
2. Community functions organized in the interests of the school, such as those originated by the PTA.
3. Non-commercial civic occasions of community, county, state or national interest.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Charity benefit activities provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the Superintendent.

School sponsored groups may not participate in events that fall into any of the following classifications at any time:

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product. A school name, the names of school-sponsored groups or school equipment shall not be exploited in events of a commercial nature.
2. Events that are of a political nature - other than voter registration - where the student

involvement is for the primary purpose of furthering a political interest.

3. Events that are primarily for the furtherance of any religious group.

4. Events that cause undue amount of interference with the regular school program, or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation.

In questionable cases the matter shall be referred to the Superintendent.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-198a Policies and procedures concerning truants

9-369b Explanatory text relating to local questions.

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