

## STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Students, as part of the educational program, may participate in contests or other public and private events approved by the superintendent that will be of benefit to the student and the educational program. Performance at such events is a privilege.

A performance is defined as an activity that has been placed on the official school activities calendar. Dress rehearsals or matinees, which are performed for part or all of the school population during the course of the regular school day, do not count as performances, even if members of the general public attend with the students. Generally a performance will involve one or more of the following:

- a charge for admission
- an official program of events, order of performance and/or participants
- an assigned performance center
- a performance judge or rater
- a non-captive audience

Students who perform at such events serve as ambassadors of the school district and must conduct themselves in the same manner as required in the regular school day. Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students will be allowed to perform in these events only with proper permission and supervision and when the events do not disrupt the educational program or other school district operations. The events must be approved by the superintendent or designee, unless they involve unusual travel and expense or overnight travel, in which case the Board must approve of the performance.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. In developing the administrative regulations, these guidelines should be followed:

- Performances by student groups below the Middle School school level should be allowed on a very limited basis;
- All groups of students should have an opportunity to participate; and,
- Extensive travel by one group of students should be discouraged.

It shall be within the discretion of the superintendent or designee to determine whether the event will benefit the educational program and the participating students. Contests or other performances by students not approved by the superintendent or designee shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student.

Legal Reference: Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).  
Iowa Code §§ 280.13-.14 (2009).  
281 I.A.C. 12.6.

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
503.4 Good Conduct Rule  
504 Student Activities  
904 Community Activities Involving Students

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