

# SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: COMMUNITY RELATIONS

ADOPTED:

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910. COMMUNITY RELATIONS	
1. Purpose	The Board feels it is imperative that communication be maintained in both directions between district schools and local institutions, organizations and groups, such as industry, business, labor, charity and others which comprise the structure of the community.
2. Definition	The district defines <b>community involvement</b> as a selective advisory process involving a wide cross-section of lay persons, representing all political districts of the school area, in the identification and planning of educational goals.
3. Authority	<p>The Board has authority over the students in its care but shares that authority to a limited extent through the cooperative programs that take students into the community during part of their educational career. To make those experiences meaningful, the Board feels cooperation with the community is essential.</p> <p>Any programs which develop from community cooperative efforts require Board approval prior to implementation.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>It is vital that all school events, programs and activities attended by the public be consistent with the purposes and objectives of good education. Such events shall be in good taste and not offend the ethics or morals of the community.</p> <p><u>Community Services</u></p> <p>The Board recognizes that the community services responsibilities of a school district rightfully extend beyond provision of basic academic instruction to youth. It is aware at such responsibilities sometimes entail cooperation within governmental and private agencies in offering types of services for which schools are especially qualified or equipped. Such services may include, but are not limited to, United Fund and Community Chest solicitations, disease immunizations, health and safety screening programs, thrift and savings campaigns.</p>

<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The administration is directed to evaluate carefully each request for the school district to facilitate or support externally sponsored public services. It should approve only those in which community interest is favorably balanced against the time and personnel resources which the school district directs to such facilitation or support. All approved community services should be implemented in a manner which will minimize diversion from the district's primary instructional mission.</p> <p><u>Solicitation of Employees by United Fund</u></p> <p>There shall be no solicitation of employees by fund-raising organizations through school offices except that one annual drive on a combined basis for the Community Chest and/or the United Fund among school employees shall be permitted. The payroll deduction method for a maximum period of two (2) months will be made available to those employees wishing to participate.</p> <p>In reviewing cooperative programs, the administration shall keep in mind that the schools shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Maintain an impartiality among all constituents who promote worthy causes.</li><li>2. Not be used to promote private or commercial interests.</li><li>3. Not be used for direct sales promotion of goods or services.</li><li>4. Not assign students to outside tasks which do not primarily benefit the students.</li></ol>
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