

CHAPTER 9.00 - SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS

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- I. Each Henry County School System principal is encouraged to cooperate with parent and school support groups. The school principal shall be responsible for forming and assisting organizations which are desired and necessary for the school program; such organizations shall be kept active by the school principal for the duration of their need and encouraged to maintain accurate financial and activity records.
- II. Parent-Teacher Groups – The Henry County Board of Education considers parent-teacher groups as auxiliaries to the public schools and not as “outside” groups. Whenever a local parent-teacher group is formed, it shall be permitted to hold its regular meetings in the school building, and it shall be the duty of the principal and the teachers of the school to further the work of the group in every way practicable. Meetings of these groups may be held in the school building with the permission of the school principal without the necessity of the lease required of “outside” groups.
- III. Booster Clubs – It shall be the policy of the Henry County Board of Education to work with and encourage the support of band, academic, and athletic booster clubs.
 - A. All booster club activities shall be authorized by and coordinated with the school principal.
 - B. If Booster Club funds are a part of the local school’s finances, then all funds shall be accounted for by the school principal; all purchases shall be approved by the school principal.
 - C. Booster Clubs and Organizations may maintain financial operations outside the control of the school if the following conditions are met:
 1. The local school principal gives approval to maintain such funds.
 2. The organization obtains an employer identification number from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
 3. The organization provides a report of its annual audit to the school.
 4. The organization makes its financial records available to the school’s auditors and authorized school employees upon request.
 5. The organization provides required financial reports.
 6. The organization provides proof of a fidelity bond for the treasurer.
 7. The organization provides assurance that it will not provide any payment or benefit to school employees or family members of a school employee in violation of the Alabama Ethics Law.

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- D. Booster Clubs and Organizations may come under the control of a school principal if;
 - 1. The organization collects admission to a school function;
 - 2. The organization operates a concession operation on school property at a school function;
 - 3. The organization collects parking fees for a school function;
 - 4. The organization operates a training camp that includes students of the activity it supports; or,
 - 5. The organization operates an exhibition or competition that includes students of the activity it supports.
 - E. Booster clubs shall not directly or indirectly supplement the pay of band directors, coaches, advisors, or any other school employees.
 - F. All decisions concerning personnel employed by the Henry County Board of Education shall be strictly reserved as a Henry County Board of Education matter and shall not be the prerogative of booster clubs.
 - G. Any person paid solely by a citizen group must be approved by the Henry County Board of Education prior to being permitted to work with students in the local schools.
- IV. The Henry County School System administration shall appoint a federal program advisory council, a career-technical council, and other appropriate parent advisory committees/councils as needed.

REFERENCES:

CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8, 16-12-3, 36-25-1 et seq., AAC §290-4-1-.01(2-3)

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