

# POLICY GUIDE

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## 3230 OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes that teaching staff members enjoy a private life outside **their job responsibilities in the school district**. The Board believes the role of the teaching profession is such that teachers exert a continuing influence away from the school **district**. Accordingly, the Board reserves the right to determine if activities outside the **teaching staff member's job responsibilities** interfere with **their** professional performance and the discharge of the member's responsibilities to the pupils of this district.

The Board directs that all teaching staff members be governed in the conduct of personal activities by the following guidelines:

1. Teaching staff members **are advised to** refrain from conduct, associations, and offensive speech that, if given publicity, would tend to have an adverse or harmful effect upon pupils or the school community;
2. Teaching staff members **shall not** devote time during **their work day** to an outside **private enterprise, business, or business organization**. They **shall not** solicit or accept customers for a private enterprises, **business, and/or business organization** on school grounds during **their work day** without the express permission of the **Superintendent of Schools**;
3. The Board does not endorse, support, or assume liability in any way for any staff member of this district who takes pupils on trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent, and shall not be liable for the welfare of pupils who travel on such trips. **Any staff member who takes pupils of this district on a trip not approved by the Board or Superintendent shall clearly and concisely**



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**inform the parent(s) of any pupil solicited and/or attending such a trip that the trip is not endorsed, supported, approved, or authorized by the Board of Education. A staff member shall not solicit pupils of this district for trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent on school grounds of the district without permission of the Superintendent;**

4. Teaching staff members shall not campaign on school grounds during their work day, send campaign literature home with pupils, or request, direct, or have pupils distribute campaign literature on behalf of any candidate for local, State, or national office or for any bond issue, proposal, or any public question submitted at any general, municipal, or school election;
5. Teaching staff members shall not privately tutor pupils for compensation that are currently enrolled in their classes; and
6. Copyrights and patents to materials or equipment developed, written, prepared, processed, or tested by teaching staff members in the performance of their professional duties reside with and may be claimed by the Board.
7. Nothing in this Policy shall prohibit the members of any collective bargaining agreement from exercising their obligations under the same.

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4

N.J.S.A. 19:1.1 et seq.

Adopted:

