

**CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**POLICY: PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS**

The Cranford Board of Education recognizes that worthy and appropriate educational values accrue from pupil participation in civic and community affairs. Instructors shall be encouraged to provide students for public performances when such performances contribute to the educational process and objectives of that particular class and when it does not interfere unduly with other scheduled classes or activities within the school.

School groups may, with the permission of the principal, participate in local public events which fall into the following classifications.

1. Events sponsored by the schools. Educational events in which the schools serve as hosts shall have priority in scheduling appearances.
2. Community functions organized in the interests of the school such as those that might be originated by the parent-teacher groups or parent councils.
3. Non-commercial civic occasions of community, county, state or national interest of sufficient breadth to enlist general sympathy and cooperation.
4. Events that are primarily patriotic in nature, such as Veteran's Day.
5. Other special activities provided such activity has been specifically approved in advance by the Chief School Administrator.

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

1. Events that are for the purpose of private gain or for the advertising of any commercial project or product.
2. Events that are for the furtherance of any politically partisan interest.
3. Events that are primarily for the furtherance of any sectarian concern.
4. Events that cause an undue amount of interference with the regular school program or that cause an excessive amount of absence due to rehearsal or preparation, or that take place over summer recess.

Any exceptions to these guidelines shall be referred to the Chief School Administrator for a decision.

**Possible**

**Cross Reference:** 1320 Public Performances by Students

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