

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS CORPORATION**

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9120 PUBLIC INFORMATION

The School Board adopts the policy believes that all reasonable means should be employed to keep the public informed on matters of importance regarding Corporation policies, finances, programs, personnel, and operations, and delegates to the Superintendent achievement of that end.

9125 USE OF CORPORATION NAME OR LOGO

No person or organization may use the name “Fort Wayne Community Schools,” “FWCS,” or logo or other symbol adopted by the Corporation without the express written consent of the Corporation. This policy shall not prevent employees of the Corporation, acting within the scope of their employment, from using the name or symbol in connection with their duties, nor shall it prevent such use at official school functions or events as a means of identifying the affiliation of the function or event with the Corporation. The Superintendent may authorize procedures for use of the Corporation name or logo.

9150 SCHOOL VISITORS

The School Board welcomes and encourages the engagement of families in their child(ren)'s education. But in order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to invoke reasonable visitor controls.

The Superintendent or principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this Corporation or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental to the good order of the school or the safety of students or other individuals. If a visitor refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

9160 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The School Board welcomes the attendance of members of the community at athletic and other public events held by the schools in the Corporation, but the Board also acknowledges its duty to maintain order, promote the safety of all in attendance, and preserve the facilities of the Corporation during the conduct of such events.

The Board delegates to administration the authority to bar attendance at a single event and/or future events of any person whose conduct may constitute a disruption at a school event. School administrators have the authority to call law enforcement officials if a person violates posted regulations or does not leave school property when requested. They are also authorized to use detectors and other devices to better ensure the safety and well-being of participants and visitors.

The Board directs that no tobacco or e-cigarette product, alcoholic beverage or other illegal-controlled substance, without a valid prescription, be possessed, consumed, or distributed nor any gambling or betting occur at any function occurring on Corporation premises.

9210 PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

The School Board supports all organizations of parents whose objectives are to promote the educational experiences of FWCS students, and permits the use of its name, with permission, by organizations associated with or partners with the Corporation. However, in using the name of the Corporation or its schools and in organizing a group whose identity derives from a school(s) of this Corporation, the parent~~a~~ organization thereby shares responsibility with this Board for the welfare of participating students.

The Board supports the organization and establishment of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in every school in the Corporation. Any parent organization desiring to use the name of the Corporation must obtain the approval of the Superintendent. The Board relies upon approved organizations to operate in a manner consistent with public expectations for the schools and reserves the right to withdraw sponsorship from organizations that violate the bounds of community standards and expectations.

9500 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

School systems play a role in a community's productivity and well-being, and likewise, community partnerships enrich educational outcomes for students enabling their success after graduation. This Board recognizes the value derived from the collaboration of regional businesses and organizations with education institutions. Therefore, this Board shall seek to establish new partnerships and to maintain existing relationships and lines of communication with any institution, organization, or business that provides FWCS students with programs, training, resources, or services not otherwise available in the District.

The Superintendent may enter into such cooperative ventures for the purpose of providing programs that correlate to the Corporation's mission, vision, goals, and core values and help students better accomplish the educational outcomes established by this Board. Before entering into any agreements, the Superintendent shall keep the Board advised of any arrangements that would affect the significant use of Corporation resources or require any additional resources of the Corporation.

9600 STAFF/STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

The School Board recognizes that the local community offers many programs and events that provide learning experiences which are not available in the schools and which can help students become more literate, cultured, productive human beings.

The Board seeks to maintain continuing communication with community groups and organizations and authorizes the Superintendent to use Corporation resources to aid their efforts. Further, the Board encourages members of the FWCS staff to make their many talents and specialized knowledge available, as time permits, to enhance the quality of community activities.

9700 RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Any request from civic institutions, charitable organizations, or special interest groups which involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to and by students, fund raising, and free teaching materials must be carefully reviewed to ensure that such activities promote student interests without advancing the special interests of any particular group.

It is the policy of the School Board that students, staff members, and Corporation facilities not be used for advertising or promoting the interests of any nonschool agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the Board or its delegated representative. Any such approval, granted for whatever cause or group, shall not be construed as an endorsement of said cause or group by this Board.