

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Students, as part of the education program, may participate in contests or other public and private events approved by the superintendent or designee that will be of benefit to the student and the education program. Performance at such events is a privilege.

A performance is defined as an activity that has been placed on the official school activities calendar. Dress rehearsals or matinees, which are performed for part or all of the school population during the course of the regular school day, do not count as performances, even if members of the general public attend with the students. Generally, a performance will involve one or more of the following:

- a charge for admission
- an official program of events, order of performance and/or participants
- an assigned performance center
- a performance judge or rater
- a non-captive audience

Students, who perform at such events, serve as ambassadors of the school district and must conduct themselves in the same manner as required in the regular school day. Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students will be allowed to perform in these events only with proper permission and supervision and when the events do not disrupt the education program or other school district operations. The events must be approved by the superintendent or designee, unless it involves unusual travel and expense, in which case the board must approve of the performance.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. In developing the administrative regulations, these guidelines should be followed:

- Performances by student groups below the secondary school level should be allowed on a very limited basis;
- All groups of students should have an opportunity to participate; and
- Extensive travel by one group of students should be discouraged.

It is within the discretion of the superintendent or designee to determine whether the event will benefit the education program and the participating students. Contests or other performances by students unapproved by the superintendent are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student.

Legal Reference: *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Iowa Code §§ 280.13-.14
281 I.A.C. 12.6.

Cross Reference: 503.4 Good Conduct Rule

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