

## **Community Relations**

### **Relations with Youth Organizations**

In order to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students, the Board may consider properly submitted proposals for activities offering explorations of areas which are adjunct to or outside the District's curriculum and district vision. Whenever appropriate, the Board will co-sponsor such activities with a bona fide youth organization, such as but not limited to, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA/YWCA or Boy's Club. Such sponsorship must be consistent with law and Board of Education policies, especially those pertaining to nondiscrimination.

Proposals shall be judged on their educational value, relevance to student educational levels and interests, and the availability of funds, adequate supervision and transportation. Any proposal for a community relations partnership shall be first brought to the attention of the School Principal. If approved by the School Principal that the youth organization serves as a benefit to both students and families of Thomaston, the recommendation will be made by the School Principal to the Superintendent of Schools for future partnership with such youth organization. The youth organization representatives will be required to meet all criteria set forth in the Thomaston Public Schools volunteer protocol.

The Administration will work out each viable proposal in detail with the co-sponsoring organization prior to its submission to the Board for approval.

The Board encourages efforts by the staff, students, youth organizations and the community to make the widest possible range of educational experiences available to the students of the District. Students will be encouraged to take an active part in the planning and implementation of such approved activities.

The Administration, in cooperation with the co-sponsoring organization, will devise and implement procedures to evaluate each approved activity and will report to the Board as requested.

#### **BOE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Youth Service Bureau**

The Thomaston Board of Education recognizes that one or more municipalities or a private youth-serving organization may designate a youth service bureau as its agent. Additionally, that youth service bureau ("bureau") may be established by a private youth-serving organization designated to act as the agent of the Board of Education.

Upon request of the youth service bureau that provides services to the Board, the Board shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the youth service bureau. The MOU shall outline the circumstances under which the Board may share student education records with the bureau as required. The bureau shall maintain those records received in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

If participation in the youth organization is voluntary and the organization request student records, the parent and/or guardian must complete the parent consent form prior to any release of student

records. School Administration is responsible to ensure that proper consent is provided from parent/guardian prior to written and/or verbal communication of student to the youth organization.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)  
(cf. 3515 - Community Use of School Facilities)

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Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. ss 4071-4074  
Public Act 24-45 An Act Concerning Education Mandate Relief,  
School Discipline and Disconnected Youth, Sections 23 and 24

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