

CONTESTS FOR PUPILS

The Holmdel Township Board of Education permits voluntary participation of pupils in contests approved by the Superintendent as long as participation does not interfere with the instructional program. When contests sponsored by organizations outside the school involve promotional aid, school time, or faculty assistance to pupils in essay writing, poster-making or other activities, the Superintendent must determine whether the experiences are closely enough allied to and in support of the instructional work of the school and will serve to advance the educational aims of the district. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for approving a contest.

Contest or projects, in general, shall not interfere with the operation of the regular course of study in classes, or require a teacher to take away much time from the regularly planned program for pupils.

Contests and awards whether local, state, or national shall be:

- A. For the benefit of the pupil;
- B. Open to all pupils regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age or sex;
- C. Consistent with district objectives;
- D. Judged by disinterested parties;
- E. Properly supervised with safety precautions in place; and
- F. Voluntary for pupils and teachers.

Contests and awards shall not place undue time or financial burdens on pupils, teachers and parents. They shall not promote commercial products or partisan viewpoints. Participation shall not be dependent on the financial status of the pupil.

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<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:42-2	School orchestra not to compete with civilian musicians; exceptions
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:54-20	Powers of board (County vocational schools)

