

COMMUNITY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Participation in contests is optional with the individual schools as determined by the building principals. While there is no intent to refuse to cooperate with community agencies sponsoring worthwhile contests, there is very definitely a desire to keep such cooperation within reasonable bounds.

The following statements are for the purpose of obtaining this objective. It is believed that this policy will make for greater uniformity in cooperative undertakings in the various communities served by the schools and, at the same time, protect the schools against participation in activities that are not in keeping with the purposes and the educational aims of the schools.

Regulations governing commercial, essay, speech, athletic, and music contests or tournaments in the Holdenville Public Schools include the following:

- 1.** The primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of the students must be the first consideration at all times.
- 2.** Schools should not be used to promote private, political, and sectarian interests and causes that have not gained general approval as being for the public welfare.
- 3.** Schools shall not be used for the direct sales promotion of individual competitive goods or services, nor for concealed, misleading, or extravagant advertising.
- 4.** All materials or activities initiated by private sources shall be judged on grounds of their direct contribution to educational values, factual accuracy, and good taste.
- 5.** Business enterprises and community organizations desiring to sponsor activities and programs in the schools must present their plans and programs to the superintendent one month preceding the time in which the activities and programs are to be sponsored. (Meritorious exceptions to this regulation shall be given consideration.)