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Medford Area Public School District students shall be encouraged to participate in national or state contests/programs. District administration shall conduct a careful investigation of the purpose and merits of the contests/programs and must be assured of the value of the contest/program to students. Contests/programs designed for largely promotional purposes may be refused.

A school may not participate in a contest/program without the approval of an authorized district administrator; however, once the contest/program is approved the decision of whether or not to participate may be made at the building level.

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Guidelines for Student Participation in National Contests/Programs

Contests/programs should/must:

- Be offered to participating students in seven or more states.
- Be designed to benefit students in educational, civic, social or ethical development. Contests/programs that tend to promote or advertise a product or an ideology may not be approved.
- Encourage students to work out contributions, solutions and creations by their own efforts are preferred.
- Be open to all students, regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.
- Not place an undue burden on students, professional staff or schools. The involvement of teachers and/or principals in the selection or judging process is discouraged.
- Be held on nonschool time (weekends, vacations, etc.). Contests/programs that utilize school time or involve extensive travel must be evaluated in terms of the benefits to all students affected by the loss of instructional time.

Awards should be appropriate both in number, kind and value. Scholarships are regarded as the most desirable type of award and should be paid directly to the institution selected by the student. The payment of cash awards directly to winners may not be allowed.