

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) Board of Education (BOE) recognizes the value of school support organizations such as booster clubs, parent/teacher organizations, band parents and other similar groups, whose purpose is to promote and support our students and whose functions requires them to work closely with school personnel. While the BOE does not directly control or provide support, these groups are recognized as a benefit to the students and MAPSD.

All school support groups shall be approved by the BOE or its designee and open to every individual meeting the scholastic, citizenship and/or organizational requirements. No school support organization shall be involved in activities contrary to the welfare and best interests of the students of MAPSD. Approved school support organizations must comply with the following:

- Their foundation and purpose is to provide financial and/or program support to our students.
- Their function requires them to work closely with school personnel.
- Their mission or statement of purpose must be consistent with the mission, goals and policies of MAPSD.
- Their group clearly relates its actions and activities to their mission/purpose statement.
- Their group clearly defines procedures for maintaining financial records and procedures for expenditure of funds.
- Their members must reside in MAPSD, or be participating in district programs through the open enrollment process.

MAPSD will recognize no more than one parent/teacher organization at each building and no more than one booster club per extra-curricular or co-curricular activity (plus one district wide booster club). MAPSD does not mandate a support club for each building, co-curricular program.

Recognized school support organizations are encouraged to maintain a close liaison with MAPSD through staff and administration, however they have no administrative authority in connection with the operation of the schools.

BOE recognized support organization responsibilities include:

- Observing all pertinent BOE policies and regulations including those pertaining to fundraising, presenting of gifts and equipment and facilities usage.
- Refraining from undertaking any special projects in the name of the school if they are in conflict with BOE policy or disruptive to MAPSD or its students.
- Working positively and cooperatively with building principals and administration.
- Notifying building principals of planned activities and fundraising events. Activities shall not infringe upon, nor interfere with, the conduct and best interests of the school system.
- Receiving of proposed donations to the school in accordance with BOE policy.
- Using of MAPSD facilities, equipment and materials in accordance with BOE policy.

Failure to follow the above guidelines may result in loss of recognition.

MAPSD responsibilities include:

- Helping groups understand the education process and their role in supporting it.
- Assisting groups to understand school operations.
- Providing opportunities for groups to be informed of school governance and relevant mandated criteria.

**CROSS REFERENCE: AEA, ECAA, EDCA, EDCB, GBCA, GBCAA, IGDA, IGDF, JL,
JJ, KG, KGB, KK**

LEGAL REFERENCE: WI Statutes 120.13 (17)