

Descriptor Term: BOOSTER CLUBS AND OTHER SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

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The Guilford County Board of Education recognizes and appreciates support from adults in the Community of various programs and departments of the district's schools. The Board encourages support for these programs and expects booster clubs and other support organizations to act in a manner that is consistent with the Board's educational mission, goals, and values, including those that develop or foster the academic, social, physical and emotional needs of its students. Organizations come within the purview of this policy when they represent themselves to members of the school community or the general community as raising funds on behalf of, in support of, or for a school operated by Guilford County Schools (GCS). Such organizations support and assist, but do not direct or supplant, the programs of GCS. Booster clubs, alumni associations, community organizations and other groups may raise funds to support the programs of GCS pursuant to this policy.

Booster clubs and other support organizations are not directly affiliated with or controlled by the Board of Education; however, the actions of supporting organizations can affect, in both positive and negative ways, the reputation of school programs. Therefore, in order to increase the likelihood that organizations purporting to support the schools are responsible, financially sound, reputable and acting in ways consistent with State and Federal laws, the Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures whereby booster clubs and other supporting organizations will annually submit requests for approval. Such requests will require the filing of essential documents demonstrating fiscal, organizational and legal responsibility. Nothing in the procedures shall create or represent that the Board of Education has direct responsibility for any activity of a booster club or support organization.