

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, AND SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Administrative staff members are encouraged to be members of and participate in professional associations which have as their purposes the upgrading of school administration and the continued improvement of education in general.

Administrative staff members are encouraged to be active participants in civic and service organizations in the community. The board of directors believes that the district will benefit from the participation of administrative staff in civic and service organizations in the community because of improved reciprocal understanding and communication between community leaders and district staff. This will lead to increased community support for the schools, school programs that are more responsive to the needs of the community and opportunities for cooperative support of school and community programs.

Membership fees, travel, and meal costs attributable to an employee's participation in civic and service organizations may be paid by the district, subject to the restrictions of district policies.

The superintendent shall approve in writing all requests for district-paid memberships in civic and service organizations covered by this policy. Staff may be reimbursed for travel, meal, or other appropriate expenditures related to district-paid membership in civic and service organizations pursuant to Policy No. 6213, Reimbursement for Travel Expenses.

Employees for whom the district pays any membership costs in civic and service organizations may not exert influence on other employees to provide financial contributions or other support to the civic or service organization. Neither may they use the civic or service organization as a forum for lobbying in support of or opposition to political or legislative actions, or the promotion of endeavors in which they may have a direct or indirect financial interest or may acquire a personal benefit or gain.