

# REGULATION

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Related Entries:** CNA, CNA-RA, IQB-RA  
**Responsible Office:** Deputy Superintendent for Instruction

### **Student Participation in Contests or Radio or Television Programs**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines under which schools and/or individual students may elect to participate in contests or radio or television programs

#### **II. GUIDELINES**

##### **A. Contests or Competitions**

1. Outside agencies wishing to circulate contest announcements or materials to schools should be referred to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent for Instruction for school system clearance.
2. Participation in any contest is voluntary, both on the part of a school and/or individual students. All contests that are considered for school or student participation should have a close relationship to the educational program. (See Regulation CNA-RA, *Procedures for Advertising Materials and Announcements*, for a description of certain types of contests that are prohibited.) School(s) participation in a contest will be approved by the deputy superintendent for instruction. Announcements should be approved at least one month prior to the closing date of entries.
3. All activities relating to a contest or competition that occupy the time of one or more students during the school day must be an outgrowth of the planned educational program.
4. The entry in a contest or competition of materials produced in the classroom must be made voluntarily by the student. No grade penalty will be assessed against any student for failure to participate in or submit materials to a contest or competition, and no grade may be given for materials produced solely for a contest or competition.

5. MCPS staff may determine if a student entry in a contest or competition meets basic eligibility standards specified by the sponsor. However, MCPS staff will not screen or select winners from among contest entries. The screening and selection of winning entries is the responsibility of the sponsor of the contest.

B. Radio/Television Programs

1. Participation on any radio or television program is voluntary, both on the part of a school and/or individual students. There should be educational value derived from the participation of any student or groups of students representing a school on a radio or television program, and such participation should be an extension of regular class activities or related to the role of the student(s) in recognized school organizations.
2. When a group or team of students participates in a radio or television program and the time involved for the activity includes extended sessions during and/or after school hours, the policies and regulations related to extracurricular activities including the necessity of a faculty supervisor must be applied.

*Administrative History:* Formerly Regulation No. 520-1, May 12, 1976 (directory information updated); revised August 22, 1995.