

SCHOOL PROGRAMS INVOLVING OUTSIDE GROUPS

1. It is the intent of the Sedgwick School Committee to provide opportunities for students and faculty to learn from activities, experiences and programs involving groups from outside the school. The value and importance of parental and community involvement to support the efforts of schools have been demonstrated. Therefore, school personnel are encouraged to seek out community resources and develop cooperative relationships with individuals and groups.
2. Cooperative projects should be designed to support the cultural, social or economic development of all children. They may support, enhance or enrich the curriculum, raise the aspirations of learners, support and improve the extracurricular program, maintain or improve physical facilities or in other ways improve the educational opportunities of learners.
3. Prior to any formal or informal agreement with an outside group, the staff member who proposes to involve students with an outside group must consult with the Principal/designee.
4. The Principal must approve all arrangements, agreements, affiliations or other cooperative relationships that bring outside groups into the school to work with groups of students or school programs/activities. As part of this approval, the Principal/designee must review all Federal, State or School District laws, policies, rules and procedures applicable to conducting the program involving Sedgwick students and secure, in writing, an agreement that the program will adhere to those laws, policies, rules and procedures.
5. As part of program/curriculum planning for the next school year, the Principal and Program Director will annually review the operations of the program to determine if the program will continue in the new school year and identify any need changes and/or improvements on the part of the program and/or the school.
6. Acceptance of an outside group to provide programming in the school does not imply that the school system will take over management or fiscal responsibilities for the program at a future date.
7. Outside groups that repeatedly participate in school programs/activities will be listed in the school handbook.