

**STUDENT SOCIAL EVENTS**

It shall be the policy of the Board to limit the number of school parties during the school year to a minimum, such as Christmas, Valentine's Day, and the final day of school. Classes may schedule additional parties on appropriate occasions with the permission of the principal.

Further, the Board recognizes the joy one receives in giving and receiving gifts, but it also recognized that the purchase of gifts to be exchanged in school sometimes places an added burden on the family and that the comparison of the value of gifts by students can be embarrassing. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Board to prudently limit the exchanging of gifts between students, and between students and teachers, at school parties.

In addition the Board subscribes to the Code of Ethics of the National Education Association which states that teachers should, "Accept no gifts of significance that might influence our judgment in the exercise of our professional duties."

All preparations for classroom parties except those which have a true educational meaning shall be carried on outside of the school hours. Generally, parties will be limited to the last hour before dismissal. Refreshments may be served on the above occasions; however, no individual student shall be required to bring refreshments or pay the cost of refreshments.

Generally, parties on holidays should be restricted to the spirit of the day, singing, assemblies, plays, art work, etc., appropriate for the occasion.

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