

Gadsden City Schools

Section L: Inter-Organizational Relation

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The Board, as an independent body, shall cooperate with other governing agencies, both educational and civic, to achieve the goal of all governmental bodies, namely the best interests of the youth and the citizens of the community.

While the Board will maintain complete autonomy at all times, it will work cooperatively with the agencies in the community.

Relations with Police Authorities

It shall be the policy of the Board to fully cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the welfare of all citizens. At the same time, schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the school. To carry out this responsibility, school officials shall observe the following:

1. A student in school may not be interrogated by any law enforcement authority without the knowledge of the school official and with parents or guardians present if such can be arranged within a reasonable period of time;
 2. Any such interrogation must be done in private with an official school representative present;
 3. A student may not be released into the custody of persons other than parent or legal guardian, unless placed under arrest by legal authority;
 4. If a student is removed from the school by legal authority, parents shall be notified of this action by school officials as soon as possible.
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Parent-Teacher Associations

The Board considers parent-teacher associations and organizations as auxiliaries to the public schools, and not as “outside” groups. Whenever a local parent-teacher association is formed, it shall be permitted to hold its regular meetings in the school building, and it shall be the duty of the principal and the teachers of the school to further the work of the association in every way practicable. Meetings of these associations may be held in the school building with the permission of the school principal.

Booster Clubs

It shall be the policy of the Board to work with, and encourage the support of school activities’ booster clubs.

All booster club activities shall be authorized by and coordinated with the school principal.

All funds shall be accounted for by the school principal; all purchases shall be approved by the school principal.

Booster clubs shall not directly or indirectly supplement pay of band directors, coaches, or any other school employee.

All decisions concerning personnel employed by the Board shall be strictly reserved as a Board matter and shall not be the prerogative of booster clubs.

Any person paid solely by a citizen group must be approved by the Board prior to being permitted to work with students in the local schools.
