

Downey Unified School District

STUDENTS

CONTESTS

AR 2350

The Board of Education holds the curriculum to be of prime importance and observes the following policy on student participation in activities/contests (i.e., essay and poster contests) sponsored by community organizations, agencies, and businesses:

1. The Board of Education reiterates its position that the prescribed curriculum is paramount.
2. The Board of Education opposes in principle all drives and contests which interfere with or interrupt the approved course of study.
3. The teacher is best able to know whether a contest or drive fits the plans and course of study of the District.
4. Student participation in any contest or drive should be approved by a teacher on the premise that it will contribute to the educational program offered by that teacher.
5. The principal of the school should approve participation in the activity.
6. All requests for participation in such contests should be submitted in writing to the Office of the Superintendent/designee at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the activity. The request shall outline the educational value of the contest, the requirements for student participation, the time period for submission of materials, potential awards to be given, and when participants will be notified of the status of their submission.