

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** N/A

**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF ACADEMICS AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy regarding Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) school and student participation in contests, competitions, events, fairs, institutes, expeditions, or similar activities.

#### B. ISSUE

AACPS schools and students have opportunities to participate in contests, competitions, events, fairs, institutes, expeditions, or other similar activities during the school year. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recognizes that opportunities outside of the normal educational programming can provide enriching and beneficial experiences for students. It is, therefore, important to provide guidance and ensure that such participation occurs voluntarily and in accordance with AACPS educational programming.

#### C. POSITION

1. The authority to approve whether a school participates in a contest, competition, event, fair, institute, expedition, or other similar activity that is sponsored by a non-AACPS entity shall be that of the Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Strategic Initiatives or the Deputy Superintendent's designee.
2. Participation in a contest, competition, event, fair, institute, expedition, or other similar activity that is sponsored by a non-AACPS entity shall be aligned with the educational programming of AACPS.
3. Participation by a student or a school in a contest, competition, event, fair, institute, expedition, or other similar activity that is sponsored by a non-AACPS entity shall be voluntary.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted on 07/10/19

*Note Previous Policy History:* Replaces policy 909.04 adopted on 11/14/55 and revised on 05/20/91