

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

BOOSTER CLUB ORGANIZATIONS

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The Danbury Board of Education recognizes the importance and necessity of supporting athletic activities with donations from individuals and corporations. The Board therefore directs the establishment of Booster Clubs to do community-wide fundraising to support excellence in athletics.

At the same time the Board recognizes the passion of families to raise funds for individual teams. This energy that has supported teams is valued and has been necessary to operate the Danbury interscholastic athletic program. Therefore, team specific Booster Clubs are also supported.

The Superintendent will establish guidelines for the creation and ongoing operation of athletic Booster Clubs. All team specific Booster organizations will be supported providing they have by-laws setting forth the purpose of a booster organization, and the rules and procedures by which they operate. All Booster Club activities must adhere to Board of Education policies governing school fundraisers, school activities and field trips.

Funds for all Booster Clubs must be maintained in the school's Student Activity Account. Disbursements are requested through the school principal or Director of Athletics. The Director of Athletics shall provide an annual financial report to the Director of Finance.

All Board policies must be followed in disbursements of Booster Club funds.

The Superintendent will establish a system to ensure that the disbursements of individual Booster Club funds provide equivalent benefits and services to members of both sexes. The Director of Athletics is responsible to monitor requests for disbursements of funds. If there are requests for disbursements that create a condition of imbalance between sexes the requested disbursement shall be denied until the balance can be attained. The Superintendent will establish an All-school Booster Club Equitable Fund to correct imbalances.

Booster Clubs shall not create a situation that funds must be transferred from educational priorities to athletics.