

CONTESTS

The following guidelines are intended to help principals protect students and teachers from undesirable and unwarranted pressures which may be detrimental to the educational process:

1. A contest or activity should be designed solely to benefit high school youth in educational, civic, social, and ethical development. Programs designed to promote or advertise a product or an ideology will not be listed.
2. Contests that encourage students to work out contributions, solutions, and creations by their own efforts are preferred.
3. Programs must be open to all students, regardless of race, creed, or sex.
4. Programs must not place undue burdens on students, teachers, or schools.
5. Entry fees, if any, must be minimal.
6. The involvement of teachers and/or principals in the selection or judging process is discouraged.
7. Programs should be held on nonschool time (weekends, vacations, etc.).
8. Out-of-state travel should be minimal.
9. Programs must be unique, not duplications of others already in operation.
10. Awards should be appropriate, both in number and kind. Scholarships are regarded as the most desirable type of award and should be paid directly to the institution selected by the student. The payment of cash awards directly to winners should be avoided.

The above guidelines were developed from a list prepared by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.