## POLICY

## RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 9500 COOPERATION WITH EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

The Board believes that cooperation between the schools and other organizations concerned with youth, career development, and mental health will enhance the opportunities of the district's pupils. Such cooperation will also enable the district to serve its pupils better through appropriate referrals as in substance abuse programs, special needs, etc. The Superintendent is encouraged to explore areas of mutual concern with the administrative officers of such organizations and to recommend desirable courses of action.

The Board directs the Superintendent to seek and maintain working relationships with local colleges and universities in such areas as student teaching, in-service staff development, and advanced placement.

It is of particular importance to establish and maintain close working relations with trades, businesses, and industries which provide members for advisory committees and are possible sources of career placements for pupils.

Charter Schools

The Board shall follow all procedures in code and statute when a charter school is proposed for the district or when district pupils would be eligible to attend a charter school in another district.

Donations to Private Organizations

The authority for a Board of Education to expend public funds is derived from the constitutional mandate to "provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools." The donation of moneys to any private organization, regardless of the merits of that organization's purposes, is not within the authority of the Board and is, therefore, prohibited.

20 U.S.C.A. §3066 N.J.S.A. 18A:38-13.1 et seq.; 18A:40-23 et seq.; 18A:46-19.1 et seq.; 18A:46A-1 et seq.; 18A:58-37.1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:23-6.1 et seq.; 6A:14-6.2 et seq.

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