

## **Policy Code: 7710 Membership in Professional Organizations**

Every employee will have the right freely to join and support any professional organization. The board and administration of the school district will not attempt to influence a teacher's or other employee's decision as to whether to join any organization or association. The board does not require that its employees affiliate with a professional organization as a condition of employment or as a factor in any evaluation process.

All professional staff members are encouraged to participate in the activities of their appropriate professional organizations in order to avail themselves of every opportunity to stay abreast of current issues and trends in education.

School personnel should not participate in membership activities while school is in session for students or while they are expected to be performing job-related duties unless specifically authorized by the principal.

Legal References: [U.S. Constitution, amend. I](#); [G.S. 115C -36, -47](#); [16 NCAC 6C.0404, .0405](#)

Cross References:

Adopted:

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools**

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