

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS

The Governing Board believes that student organizations reinforce the instructional program, give students practice in democratic self-government and provide social and recreational activities. Student organizations also serve to honor outstanding student achievement and enhance school spirit and students’ sense of belonging.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria and a process for school sponsorship of student clubs.

In accordance with provisions of the Federal Equal Access Act, non-curriculum-related student-initiated groups shall be given equal access to meet on school premises during non-instructional times without regard to their religious, political or philosophical views.

All student clubs or groups shall have equal access to the school media, including the public address system, the school newspaper, the school bulletin board, to announce meetings. The Superintendent or designee may inform students that certain groups are not school-sponsored.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

40	Equal opportunity without regard to sex
41	School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination
52	Designation of secondary schools
53	Designation of high schools
200-262.3	Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
32050-32051	Hazing
48930-48938	Student organizations
48930-48938	Freedom of speech
49020	Athletic programs: Legislative intent
49021	Equal opportunity for male and female students
49022	Appointment of funds for male and female students
49023	Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

2 Definitions	
5531	Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

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ACCESS (Continued)**

PENAL CODE

627-627.10

Access to school premises

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071 et seq. The Equal Access Act

Hartzell versus Connell, (1834) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Perumal et al versus Saddleback Valley Unified School District, (1988) 198 Cal.
App. 3d 64

Board of Education of Westside Community School District versus Mergens

By and Through Mergens (1989, 8th Cir.) 867 F. 2d 1076, affd.

(1990) 496 U.S. 226

Student Coalition for Peace vs. Lower Merion School District Board of

Directors (1985) 776 F. 2d. 431

Ceniceros versus Board of Trustees of the San Diego Unified School District,

(1995) 66 F. 3d 1535