

Instruction

Extra-Class Activities

Student Organizations and Equal Access

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (ARSD) Board of Education believes that student organizations reinforce the instructional program, give students practice in democratic self-government, and provide social and recreational activities. The activity, club, and athletic programs of the ARSD shall be an outgrowth of class activities and/or student interest. Student organizations also serve to honor outstanding student achievement and enhance school spirit and students' sense of belonging. All activities shall have a faculty advisor and shall be subject to school supervision.

All students shall be encouraged to participate in one or more activities; however, fulfilling academic responsibilities shall take precedence on the part of students engaging in activity and athletic programs. No student who has an unexcused absence from school on the day of a club meeting, activity program, or athletic practice or competition shall be permitted to take part in such activity.

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

All student-sponsored groups shall be given equal access to meet on school premises during non-instructional times without regard to their religious, political, philosophical or other speech content.

All student-sponsored groups shall have equal access to the school media including the public address system, the school newspaper, the school bulletin board, and school website to announce meetings.

The Superintendent or his/her designee may inform students that certain groups are not school-sponsored.

Legal Reference: Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. § 4071 et. seq.

The No Child Left Behind Act, 20 USC 7905

Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens