

## STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

Pursuant to House Bill 1826 of the 2009 Legislative Session, the Western Heights Board of Education is hereby charged with adoption of policies and procedures to annually notify parents or guardians of students about clubs and organizations sponsored by or under the direction and control of the school. The annual notification about clubs and organizations shall be by means of the student handbook and by posting on the Internet website for the school. This policy only applies to clubs and organizations that are extracurricular and shall not apply to participation in clubs and organizations that are necessary for a required class of instruction. The annual notification shall include, but is not limited to, the following information about each club or organization:

1. Name;
2. Mission or purpose; and
3. Name of the faculty advisor, if known.

If clubs or organizations are created or formed after the annual notification is distributed, the school district shall send additional notification to the parents or guardians containing information about the additional clubs or organizations as listed above.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to notify school administration that they are withholding permission for their student to join or participate in one or more clubs or organizations. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for preventing their student from participating in a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Nothing in this policy or the associated law shall prevent a club or organization from meeting when a student who is not authorized to be in the club or organization is present at such meeting.

For purposes of this policy:

“Clubs and organizations” means a club or organization comprised of students that is organized and meets for common goals, objectives, or purposes, and that is directly under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the school; and

“Competitive interscholastic activity or event” means activities held under the auspices or sponsorship of a school district that involves students enrolled in that school district competing against individuals or groups of students representing other school districts.

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