Policies of the Board of Education

Series 300: Instruction

## STUDENT EQUAL ACCESS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES

High school students involved in non-curriculum related student groups shall be permitted to conduct group meetings on District premises during non-instructional time. Student groups requesting facility usage may not discriminate with respect to membership against other students on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, ancestry, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, religion or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

The following conditions for all non-curriculum related students group meetings shall be uniformly required by the principal:

- 1. The meeting must be voluntary and initiated by students.
- 2. The meeting may not be sponsored by the school, government or their agents or employees.
- 3. School employees may be present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity.
- 4. The meeting may not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities of the school.
- 5. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend the activities of student groups.
- 6. The student groups shall not be permitted to conduct fund raisers or hold social events in the school.
- 7. The principal shall determine the location of the meeting.
- 8. Only full-time students may apply for use of facilities and participate in these meetings.
- 9. The requesting students must show evidence that adequate adult supervision will be present and will be provided by the requesting students.
- 10. The students shall be expected to leave the room in an orderly arrangement.
- 11. The hours designated for non-instructional time shall be 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, on days when school is in session.

Nothing in the policy or the conditions outlined above shall be construed to limit the authority of the school or employees to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the wellbeing of students and employees, and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

- Legal Ref.: Federal Equal Access Act Section 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(17)
- Cross Ref.: 411-Rule (1), Student Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedures 830, Public Use of School Facilities
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