Board Policy I-16:
School and Student Clubs—Equal Access Act

REFERENCES
I-16: Administrative Procedures, School and Student Clubs—Equal Access Act
20 U.S.C §§4071-4073, Equal Access Act
Utah Code Ann. §§53G-4-409, Activity Disclosure Statements
Utah Code Ann. §§53G-7-701 et seq., Student Clubs Act

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes that participation in curricular and non-curricular clubs enriches the educational experience and improves the social development of students. To that end, the board maintains a limited open forum for students who choose to organize clubs that are either school-sponsored and related to the curriculum, or student-run and unrelated to the curriculum. In accordance with state law, non-curricular clubs can only be authorized in secondary schools. The district will not discriminate against or deny equal access or a fair opportunity to any students who wish to organize a non-curricular club on the basis of the club’s religious, political, philosophical, or other lawful purpose. A student’s participation in a particular club may not be denied based upon the student’s sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or disability.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students equal access to approved school and student clubs in compliance with state and federal law.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying administrative procedures.