

NON-CURRICULAR RELATED STUDENT GROUPS: 2153

Pursuant to the Equal Access Act, the Board authorizes non-curriculum related student groups to meet before or after school, subject to the approval of the principal. Such approval shall be granted provided the activities of the group are not disruptive to school operations and the members of the group comply with the rules established by the Superintendent and/or school principal. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures to create or maintain this “limited open forum”.

The principal shall approve the non-curriculum related student meeting or activity provided that:

- The meeting shall be voluntary and initiated by students;
- The school or its staff shall not be a sponsor of the group;
- The meeting shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly operation of the school;
- Students shall be responsible for the direction, control and conduct of the meeting. Non-student guests must be registered and must not be regular participants;
- The use of school funds for other than incidental and/or monitoring costs shall not be permitted;
- A staff member shall not be compelled to attend when the meeting is contrary to his/her belief;
- The constitutional rights of all persons shall be respected.

The principal shall be responsible for the assignment of a room and for the approval and/or assignment of a staff member to monitor the meeting.

Non-curriculum related student groups shall be entitled to seek ASB club status according to the standards and procedures set forth in the ASB Constitution and/or bylaws in effect at the particular school where the group seeks such recognition.

Definition: A non-curriculum related student group is one that does not satisfy any of the following criteria:

- 1) The subject matter of the group is taught, or will soon be taught, in a regularly offered course offered by the school;
- 2) The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses at the school as a whole;
- 3) Participation in the group is required for a particular course; or
- 4) Participation in the group results in academic credit.

Curriculum-related student groups (those satisfying one or more of the above criteria) may be provided access to school facilities, resources and opportunities not provided to non-curriculum related student groups, as provided in policy/procedure 2150 and 2150P – Co-Curricular Program.

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Cross References:	Administrative Policy – 2150	Co-curricular Program
	Administrative Policy – 2151	Interscholastic Athletics
	Administrative Policy – 3510	Associated Student Bodies
Legal References:	WA Const. Art I § II	
	WA Const. Art. IX § 4	
	20 U.S.C. 4071-4074	Equal Access Act