

Title: Student Organizations, Non-Curriculum Related

Student-initiated, non-curriculum related groups, upon receiving permission from the principal, may use school facilities during non-instructional time for meeting purposes. The District will not deny equal access or otherwise discriminate against any such groups on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at the meetings. These organizations are neither endorsed nor approved by the school.

Non-instructional time shall mean before the first period in the day and after the last period of the day in which any student attends class. Meetings shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational program or other District operations. It shall be within the discretion of the principal to determine whether the meetings will materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational program or other District operations. Activities relating to any part of the educational program shall have priority over the activities of any other organization including non-curriculum related student organizations.

It shall also be the responsibility of the principal to determine whether a group is curriculum related. If the group is curriculum related, the principal should be able to answer at least one of the following questions affirmatively:

- Is the subject matter of the group actually taught, or will it soon be taught in a regularly offered course at the school?
- Does the subject matter concern the body of courses as a whole?
- Is participation in the group required for a particular course or does participation result in academic credit?

Only students may regularly attend and participate in meetings of student-initiated non-curriculum related groups. Such attendance shall be strictly voluntary and student initiated. As a means of determining whether a student's attendance is voluntary, the principal may visit with the student's parents or guardian about the student's participation in a non-curriculum related student organization.

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Student-initiated, non-curriculum related groups will not use the school name or logo, school mascot name or logo, District name or logo or any other name or logo that implies school or District sponsorship. The use of school equipment will be subject to the discretion of the principal.

District personnel shall be assigned to monitor meetings of non-curriculum related student organizations. District personnel shall not in any way participate in the meetings or assist in planning, criticizing or encouraging attendance. Nor may non-school persons direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities or meetings of these non-curriculum related student-initiated groups.

All use of District facilities and equipment shall be in accordance with any applicable District policies and procedures regarding appropriate use of such facilities and equipment.

Cross References:

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Legal References:

U.S. Constitution, 1st Amendment, and The
Equal Access Act, 20 USC Section 4071

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