

SALEM SCHOOL SYSTEM  
Salem, Connecticut

INSTRUCTION

ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS POLICY

Student organizations contributing to learning shall be encouraged. Such organizations shall operate within the framework of the law, Board policy, administrative rules, and the parameters of the learning program. The establishment of such organizations and their operation shall be facilitated in reasonable ways by district staff and through utilization of district resources.

The Principal shall develop general guidelines for student organizations. Among other provisions, such guidelines shall require the assignment of at least one faculty advisor to each student organization and the approval by the Board of Education of any student organization.

This policy applies to in-school organizations only. It is not intended to restrict the organization of students into groups which function apart from the school.

Student Government:

In order to encourage student participation in the various activities of school life and to provide opportunity for training in democratic processes, Salem School shall maintain and operate a student council.

The student council shall be of the students, by the students, for the students representing all students in the school in communication with the administration and in the organization of student activities.

The student council shall assist in improving the general welfare of all students and shall give students the opportunity to participate in the orderly workings of the democratic process.

Members of the student council shall be elected democratically. The rights and responsibilities of the council shall be clearly set forth. Faculty advisors for student council will be recommended for appointment by the administration.

The student council shall not have authority to make policies for the district or regulations for the school. Nor shall they have any disciplinary authority, except for recommending removal from the council of one of their members. However, the student council may make recommendations to the administration on any topic of student concern.

The administration and student council shall keep channels of communication open, not only between themselves, but between all students, the council, and the Board of Education.

(cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)  
(cf. 6145 – Extra Class Activities)  
(cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)  
(cf. 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Legal References: Amendment of U.S. Constitution – Amendment 1; Connecticut Constitution, Article First, Declaration of Rights Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 9/9/81)

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