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2430.1 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations have an important place in the educational program because, when properly organized and operated, they extend and reinforce the instructional program, give students practice in democratic self-government, build student morale and a spirit of positive support for the school, honor outstanding student achievement, and provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

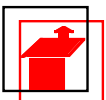
To guide the staff and students in building organizations, the Board of Education sets forth the following policy guide.

1. School Clubs and Societies will be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school, have a democratic plan for the selection of members, establish aims which are educational or of school interest or community interest, and meet all these conditions hereinafter set forth for recognized school-sponsored organizations.

2. Secret Societies. Membership is prohibited throughout the school district. The Superintendent is authorized to develop procedures concerning disciplinary action to be taken for violation of this policy by members of secret fraternities, sororities, and clubs.

3. Nonschool Clubs of a nonsecret nature whose membership is composed, for the most part, of students from one school; that are sponsored by other than school personnel; that meet outside school hours at places other than at school; and whose aims are other than educational, of school interest, or community interest are considered to be nonschool clubs and beyond the jurisdiction of school authorities.

However, should any nonschool clubs conduct activities on school property, at school-sponsored activities or as a carry-over into the school day or reflect in any way on the reputation of the school, the Superintendent is authorized to develop procedures concerning disciplinary action to be taken.



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Activities which are contrary to the best interest of the school and reflect on the reputation of the school include initiation and hazing on the school grounds or at school-sponsored events and indulging in group functions that violate city laws or county ordinances.

Nonschool clubs may become recognized school-sponsored clubs by conforming to the criteria for school clubs and societies stated earlier.

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