

Student Clubs

Each campus provides a wide range of student clubs and organizations in which students can become involved. Each group has established guidelines and criteria for membership and/or participation. Membership in student clubs and organizations is voluntary and should be considered a privilege. These student clubs and organizations 1) meet together for a common purpose or interest, 2) hold meetings on campus and activities during non-instructional time, 3) may be united as a result of a state or national charter and 4) are approved at the campus and district level.

Students desiring to form a new club or organization must meet the following criteria to be a school sponsored club or organization:

- The group is sponsored by a professional currently employed by the GPISD and approved by the principal
- There is no other club or organization already existing at that campus that addresses the same or similar goals and purposes of the proposed group.
- There is no parallel team or duplication of an existing district extracurricular activity or group.
- There is no discrimination based on an individual's race, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- The group has a minimum of ten (10) full-time student members currently enrolled on that campus.

If a group meets these criteria the sponsor will complete the GPISD Student Club Information located in Eduphoria FormSpace by May 1st. The principal will allow the group to meet for the sole purpose of formally adopting a written constitution or by-laws. The document shall:

- State the name and purpose of the organization
- Contain a statement that all members must be students presently enrolled on the campus where the group is sponsored
- State qualifications for membership
- State that there is no affiliation with any organization denying membership based on race, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Require the election of officers by democratic process
- Require that the collection and disbursement of funds be in accordance with the regulations and policies of the GPISD
- Require that no person may be present at any meeting unless that person is a member of the student body, the faculty, the administration of the school or district or has prior approval of the sponsor and the principal.

The students must deliver the written constitution or by-laws to the building principal no later than June 1st. No other activities are to be conducted. Once approved by the principal, the group's constitution or by-laws will be approved by the superintendent or superintendent's designee **for the following school year**.

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New clubs and organizations will only be approved once each year during the month of June. Activities and events may begin with the start of the new school year.

Once the group has been granted final approval, the following must be presented annually (no later than October 1st) to the principal and the Fine Arts office:

A brief statement of the group's purposes and goals for the school year

- A list of the group's members and officers
- A schedule of the proposed meeting dates and times
- An annual budget detailing revenue and expenditures

All of the club or organization activities must be approved in advance by the principal and properly entered on the school's calendar. The raising of funds, money management and disbursement is the responsibility of the sponsor and must be in accordance with GPISD policies and procedures. All activities must originate with the sponsor who in turn will make appropriate arrangements. District personnel shall not promote, lead or participate in the meetings of student groups of a religious nature. The sponsors of these groups will be present at all meetings and activities only as a monitor and in a non-participatory capacity to maintain order and protect school property.

Authorization to conduct meetings or activities may be denied or revoked if:

- The group fails to comply with district policies, regulations and/or rules including campus rules, the Standards for District Extracurricular Activities, Student Code of Conduct or state or federal law.
- The activity violates the group's constitution or by-laws.
- The group conducts meetings or activities in the absence of the sponsor.
- Events or activities are conducted that were not approved by the sponsor and building principal.