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STUDENT-ORGANIZED GROUPS

1. Students may request school recognition of a student-organized group by submitting a written request to their school principal, using Exhibit #1331 provided for that purpose. The request shall describe the proposed name and purpose for the group, as well as any proposed requirements for membership.
2. The organization of the group and its activities shall be student-initiated and voluntary.
3. The group's activities must be lawful, may not invade the rights of any person, and may not threaten harm to the wellbeing of students or materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
4. Non-school persons may not direct, control, or regularly attend the activities of the group.
5. Students shall be subject to district policies, regulations and school rules while participating in group activities. Hazing, bullying and harassment in connection with group activities are explicitly prohibited.
6. All groups must have a faculty advisor or monitor. A school employee may volunteer to act as a faculty advisor of a group, or an employee may be assigned to monitor a group's activities to help ensure compliance with the requirements of this and other policies, regulations and rules. In accordance with federal law, school employees may not participate in religious meetings in any capacity other than as a monitor.
7. Membership in student-organized groups shall be limited to students enrolled in district schools or programs. Membership requirements for student groups shall be non-discriminatory, except to the extent necessary to accommodate students' rights of expression and association under federal and state constitutional law.
8. All non-curricular student-organized groups shall receive access to school facilities and equipment such as the public address system and bulletin boards on the same basis as non- curricular school-sponsored clubs in order to notify other students of the group's activities.
9. All non-curricular student-organized groups may submit material to be included in school publications such as the yearbook and the school newspaper on the same basis as non-curricular school-sponsored clubs.
10. All non-curricular student-organized groups may participate in club fairs on the same basis as non-curricular school-sponsored clubs.
11. Non-curricular student-organized groups shall conduct their activities during non-instructional time to the same extent that non-curricular school sponsored clubs or activities are required to do so.
12. Parent consent to student participation in student-organized groups shall be required to the same extent that parent consent is required for participation in non-curricular school sponsored clubs and activities.

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