Cherokee County School District

Guidelines for Religious Clubs

Initiation of Club:

1. Interest in beginning such clubs must be student-initiated;
2. Prior to initiation of such clubs, the appropriate "Club Application" form must be submitted to the Principal; and receive the Principal's approval;

Participation:

1. Student participation will be based on "opt-in" processes and parent permission must be granted prior to participation;
2. Schools may wish to limit participation to specific grade levels;
3. School must recognize that these clubs are for students, not parents or staff;
4. Participating students must recognize and respect the constitutionally-based "right of religion" held by all students attending that school. As such, religious activities initiated within this club must be contained to this club's meetings.

Sponsors:

1. School must provide staff to Supervisor and host—in doing so, staff can assist students with determining the structure/timing/location of meetings;
2. Supervisors must clearly delineate their roles related to sponsorship of religious-based, interest-initiated club from their roles/responsibilities as classroom teachers within the School District;

Club Meetings:

1. Meetings must not occur during, or as a part of, the formal (instructional) school day;
2. Meetings can be as regularly scheduled based on student input, or may follow the school's regular schedule of club days (if applicable);
3. Motivational/inspirational speakers can be recruited by students, parents and/or staff; however, all speakers must be pre-approved through club Supervisor;
4. Motivational/inspirational speakers can be required to link presentation to school initiatives (i.e., character education, red ribbon week, etc.)
5. If advertised through announcements or electronic media (website, twitter, etc.), such club's announcement will be equitable to other school clubs; and,
6. Supervisors have the ability to utilize parents and others (as non-employees) to assist with chaperoning club meetings.