

**EQUAL ACCESS FOR NONCORPORATION-SPONSORED,  
STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

The School Board will not permit the use of school facilities by noncorporation-sponsored student clubs and activities or Corporation-sponsored, extra-curricular clubs and activities during instructional hours. During noninstructional time, however, no group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the activity.

An application for permission for noncorporation-sponsored student clubs and activities to meet on school premises shall be made to the principal, who shall be expected to grant permission provided that s/he determines that:

- A. the activity has been initiated by students;
- B. attendance at the meeting is voluntary;
- C. no agent or employee of the Corporation will promote, lead, or participate in the meeting;
- D. the meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with school purposes or an educational function of the corporation;
- E. nonschool persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the activity;
- F. the safety and well-being of students and staff is not put at risk.

A student initiated group granted permission to meet on school premises shall be provided the same rights and access and shall be subject to the same administrative guidelines that govern the meetings of student organizations sponsored by this Board, except as provided by this policy. Participation in a student-initiated meeting must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of a student's race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or social or economic status.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society. A student initiated meeting may be attended by no more than one (1) approved outside resource person. The Superintendent may exclude nonstudents from directing, controlling, or attending any such meetings of students.

A professional staff member may be assigned to attend a student initiated meeting in a custodial capacity but shall not participate in the activity. No professional staff member shall be compelled to attend a student-initiated meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs. Professional staff shall be mindful of Board Policy 2105 – Mission of the Corporation and adhere to Board Policies 2240 – Controversial Issues and 3213 – Student Supervision and Welfare.

The principal may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.

Equal Access Act of 1984, 20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq.  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.  
Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000e

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