

## **Student Organizations**

The school may encourage students to broaden their knowledge and citizenship by permitting the formation of clubs or other groups that relate to subject matter covered by the curriculum. Such organizations shall operate within the framework of state statutes, Board policy, administrative rules and the parameters of the learning program.

The superintendent shall develop general guidelines for the establishment and operation of student organizations within the school. Among other provisions, such Guidelines shall require the approval of the superintendent prior to the formation of any club or organization and the assignment of at least one faculty adviser to each approved student organization.

All student organizations are required to open membership to all interested and/or eligible students. Fraternities, sororities and/or secret societies shall not receive recognition in any manner under this policy.

All forms of hazing in initiations shall be prohibited in a student organization. No initiation shall be held for a student organization which will bring criticism to the school system or be degrading to the student.

The faculty adviser must attend every meeting of the student organization whether conducted on school premises or at another location.

The superintendent is responsible for determining that the purpose of a student organization is related to the curriculum. The superintendent is authorized to deny all other requests to conduct meetings on school premises.

Student organizations shall be considered directly related to the curriculum if one or more of the following applies:

1. The subject matter of the group actually is taught in a regularly-offered course.
2. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole.
3. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
4. Academic credit or extra credit is given for participation in the group.

When the superintendent denies the request of a student organization desiring to meet or form in a particular school, the superintendent shall inform the group of the reasons for the denial. The students and /or group may submit a written request to the Board president within 10 days of the denial for a review of the superintendent's decision.

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