

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Recognition of School-Sponsored Student Organizations

School-sponsored student organizations function to enhance the participants' educational experience and supplement the course materials within the educational program of the schools. The activities of these organizations should bear a clear relationship to the regular curriculum. The Superintendent shall develop further criteria and a procedure for approving school-sponsored student organizations.

Membership in school-sponsored student organizations shall be voluntary and shall be open to and limited to all students currently enrolled in the school and home-schooled students living in the District. Membership shall be granted in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with the district's nondiscrimination policy; however, organizations may establish qualifications based on gender only where necessary to preserve the health, safety, or welfare of students, or where gender is a bona fide and integral qualification for the activities of the organization. These organizations may also establish academic qualifications for membership where necessarily related to the purposes of the organization.

Non-Curricular Student Led Groups

Secondary school students are also permitted to organize and conduct non-curriculum-related meetings on school property, subject to the provisions of this policy. Any other persons who are not students enrolled in the District are prohibited from directing, controlling, conducting, or regularly attending the meetings of such organizations except as delineated below and in federal law. Non-curriculum-related student organizations shall not be deemed to be school sponsored or endorsed. The fact that such organizations are permitted to conduct meetings under this policy shall not constitute an expression of district support for the purposes of such organizations or the content of any meetings thereof.

Faculty Supervision

School-sponsored student organizations shall be sponsored and supervised by one or more members of the school faculty, approved by the principal. Faculty sponsors shall participate in the supervision and direction of all activities of the organization and shall attend all meetings.

Compliance with Law and Policy

Student organizations shall not engage in any activity that is contrary to law, district policy or school rules; which disrupts or clearly threatens to disrupt the orderly operation of the school; or which would adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of any students or staff members.

School-sponsored student organizations shall comply with the purchasing policy of the District and may not extend the credit of the District. Failure to comply with these provisions shall be grounds for revocation of recognition.

Meetings

All meetings held on school grounds by student groups shall be held in accordance with the district’s facility use regulations developed by the Superintendent. Non-school sponsored groups meeting on school grounds shall also comply with the district’s non-curricular use of school facilities policy.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- ABBB, Non-curricular Use of District Property
- HCAA, Purchasing
- HCAA-AR, Requisitions and Purchase Orders

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