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EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

This policy creates a limited forum during which all non-curriculum related student groups shall have equal access and a fair opportunity to conduct meetings.

ACCESS TO LIMITED OPEN FORUM

1. The time between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM on days during which classes are in session shall be set aside for a limited forum.
2. Non-curriculum related student groups that desire to conduct meetings during the limited open forum shall make and request, in writing, to the building principal or administrator in charge, to conduct a meeting during the open forum. The request shall include an estimate of the number of students expected to be in attendance at the meeting, dates, and any special equipment needed.
3. Upon receipt of such a request, the principal or administrator in charge shall try to find a suitable room for the group and arrange for proper supervision of the meeting by an agent or employee of the school district.
4. In the event that there is an insufficient number of rooms available or insufficient number of supervisors available on a particular day, non-curricular related student groups shall be given access on a first-come, first-serve basis.
5. No group shall be discriminated against or denied access on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the students' speech at such meetings.
6. The administration shall adopt additional rules as deemed necessary.

USES OF FACILITIES BY STUDENTS

1. This policy applies only to students in grades 7-12.
2. The number of students will be limited to the safe capacity of the room used.
3. Students meeting during the limited forum shall not engage in any activity that is illegal, dangerous or disruptive to other activities. Failure to abide by this could lead to discipline measures and the denial of access to the group to the limited open forum.
4. No group shall be allowed to meet during the limited open forum without supervision by an agent or employee of the school district.

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5. Meetings of non-curriculum related student groups during the limited forum shall be voluntary and student initiated.

REGULATION OF LIMITED OPEN FORUM

1. No public funds shall be spent for the benefit of non-curricular related student groups meeting during the limited open forum beyond the cost of providing space for meetings.
2. Neither the school district, its agents nor employees shall promote, lead or participate in any meeting except in a supervisory capacity.
3. Non-school persons are not allowed to meet with non-curriculum related student groups during the limited open forum unless permission is obtained in advance from the administrator in charge.
4. No school agent or employee shall be compelled to supervise a meeting of a non-curricula related student group if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to beliefs of the agent or employee.
5. Non-school persons are not allowed to meet with non-curriculum related student groups during the limited open forum more frequently than 4 times during any school year.
6. Non-school persons can be denied access to school district property if their behavior is, or reasonably threatens to be, illegal, dangerous or disruptive to other activities.
7. Non-school persons are not allowed to direct, conduct or control activities of non-curriculum related student groups during the limited open forum.
8. This policy applicable to the limited open forum shall have no application to activities that occur outside of the limited open forum.

Legal References: Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Subsections 4071-4074

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