

Title: School-Sponsored Student Organizations

School-sponsored student organizations have an important place in the educational program of the St. Croix Central School District because when properly organized and operated, they:

1. Extend and reinforce the instructional program;
2. Give students practice in democratic self-government;
3. Build student morale and a spirit of positive support for the school;
4. Honor outstanding achievement; and
5. Provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

School clubs and societies shall be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the district, sponsored school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school, have an approved plan for the selection of members, establish aims which are educational, of school interest or community interest and meet all those conditions set forth for recognized school-sponsored organizations.

With the exception of secret student organizations, all clubs and societies that do not meet the requirements outlined above shall be considered beyond the jurisdiction of school authorities. Any nonschool club or society desiring to become a recognized school organization must:

1. Accept some democratic plan for the selection of members, all of whom must be currently enrolled in one school.
2. Establish an objective acceptable to the building principal.
3. Agree to hold the majority of its meetings at school.
4. Obtain a sponsor from the school faculty who must attend all meetings.
5. Agree to abide by school rules.
6. Maintain a list of current members and officers with building principals.

Violations of any of the above conditions shall result in penalties for the violators and may disqualify the organization. Membership in secret fraternities, sororities and clubs within a school shall be prohibited.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section §120.13(1)

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