

	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEPN CODE: JJAB-R
	POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

EQUAL ACCESS- LIMITED FORUM REGULATIONS

FORMING CLUBS

All clubs should provide the building principal or designee with the following information prior to the start of student participation: name; specific purpose of the club; intended outcomes for students; membership requirements; activities of the club; information about budget and fundraising activities anticipated; proposed meeting dates and times; and assurance that the club will adhere to school policies and student conduct rules and to the laws of the United States and the State of South Dakota. The principal or designee will respond in writing to the request within ten (10) school days of receipt of the request, accepting or rejecting the application and designating the club as either a sponsored club or a non-sponsored club. Students may appeal the denial of club recognition or classification as sponsored or non-sponsored to the Superintendent within ten (10) school days of notification by the principal or designee or to the School Board within ten (10) school days of notification by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

MEETINGS/NOTICES

Notice of student-initiated meetings may be posted in an area designated for such purposes by the building principals and shall be approved and initialed by a building principal prior to being posted in the designated area.

Student initiated meetings shall be scheduled with a building principal a minimum of five (5) school days prior to the meeting date. The time and place of all club meetings shall be subject to available space, whether the scheduling conflicts with school activities and programs, and the availability of the faculty sponsor or the monitor assigned to the club.

The Principal or designee may not deny access based upon viewpoint discrimination.

The Principal or designee may deny the opportunity of any club to meet on school premises if the club:

- Promulgates any theory or doctrine subversive to the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof advocating governmental change by violence;
- Engages or promotes any activity that may violate the canons of good morals, manners or taste, or be injurious to the buildings, grounds or equipment;
- Engages in commercial activities;
- Engages in activities which are discriminatory in the legal sense;

and/or

- There exists a substantial likelihood of material and substantial interference with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
- If the meeting or any expected activities of the club at the meeting are or will be in violation of any law or ordinance.

For non-sponsored clubs, the following guidelines will apply:

The formation of non-sponsored clubs will be student-initiated. The principal or designee may appoint a monitor for the club who is an employee of the School District. The monitor who serves in a non-participatory capacity will be responsible for monitoring the meetings to assure that attendance at the meetings is voluntary, to assure that the meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school, and to assure that order and discipline are maintained. The principal or designee will not compel any District employee to be a monitor for a non-sponsored club.

Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend meetings and activities of any non-sponsored club unless specifically directed by the school principal. Non-school persons may be permitted to meet with or speak to a club on school premises, up to twice a semester, subject to prior approval by the principal or designee. The names of non-school personnel attending the meeting including students from other schools, shall be provided to the building administrator at the time the meeting is scheduled with the building administrator. Visitor badges will be provided to all non-school personnel attending the meeting and must be worn while in the building.

The District shall not be identified or associated with goals, objectives, activities, or opinions of any non-sponsored club or its members.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Distribution of materials to students by outside groups, organizations, or individuals shall be in accordance with School Board Policy ECAB-R Student/Employee Access Regulations and KHC Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials. Materials to be distributed by students shall be submitted for approval to a building principal at least five (5) working days prior to the intended date of distribution.

Materials which have been approved by the building administrator for distribution by students, may be distributed by students outside of regular school hours and in an area designated by the school administrator in accordance with School Board Policy KHC Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials.

All posters for activities of non-sponsored clubs must contain the following disclaimer:

The Aberdeen School District neither endorses nor sponsors this student-initiated club. This student-initiated club is permitted access to District facilities, benefits and services pursuant to law including the Equal Access Act and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act and in accordance with School Board Policy JJAB/JJAB-R Equal Access.

DISTRICT POLICY REFERENCE:

ECAB, ECAB-R Student/Employee Access
KHC Distribution & Posting of Promotional Materials
KF Community Use of Buildings, Grounds, and Properties

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Equal Access Act 20 USC Section 4071-4074
Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 20 USC Section 7905

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