

STUDENT CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND MEETINGS

Student clubs and organizations will be given an opportunity to meet on District campuses.

A. Officially recognized Student Clubs, Organizations, and Meetings**1. Authorization**

Before being permitted to function as an officially recognized club or organization on a District campus, the student club or organization shall first be approved by the principal and shall be assigned an official faculty adviser by the principal. In order to obtain approval, a proposed club or organization must comply with the following regulations:

- a. Membership shall be composed of and open to all currently-enrolled students of the campus who qualify without regard for race, religion, or national origin.
- b. Regular meetings shall be held on the high school campus.
- c. A certificated faculty adviser shall be appointed by the principal.
- d. The club constitution shall be approved by the student body executive board and the principal or designee if the constitution meets all written criteria established by the school principal for a student club constitution. Copies of a model constitution shall be on file at each high school in the office of the principal or designee.
- e. Compliance with all District and/or school regulations shall be required.

Following verification of conformity to the regulations listed above, the club or organization will receive official recognition from the principal to operate as a student club or organization.

2. Operation

Once officially recognized, student clubs and organizations must comply with the following conditions:

- a. The approved constitution and roster of current officers shall be on file in the principal's office. All changes shall be filed within ten days of final approval.
- b. Proposed changes in the constitution, meetings, or membership shall be subject to the same procedure and requirements as the initial authorization.
- c. Meetings may be held before "zero" period, after seventh period, or during lunch break.

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- d. All receipts and expenditures of money shall be handled in accordance with the method authorized by the Student Body Constitution and shall be subject to the accounting of the student body funds in the District Business Office.
- e. Requests for club activities, both on and off campus, shall be submitted in advance to the appropriate school administrator and must be approved in advance.
- f. A certificated faculty adviser appointed by the principal shall attend all meetings.
- g. No hazing activities as defined by the California Education Code, Sections 32050, 32051 and 32052 shall be practiced by any member or any other individuals or groups.

B. Federal Provisions of Equal Access Act

Whether officially recognized or functioning informally, student clubs, organizations, or meetings are not restricted on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of speech as specified in the Equal Access Act and are permitted to meet on campus under the following conditions:

- 1. The meetings are voluntary and student initiated.
- 2. There is no sponsorship of the meetings by the school, its agents, or employees; however, it will be necessary for a certificated employee of the school to be present in order to provide adequate supervision of the meetings.
- 3. Any employee or agent of the school present at a religious, political or philosophical meeting shall be there in a non-participatory capacity.
- 4. The meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
- 5. Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.
- 6. Meetings may be held before "zero" period, after seventh period, or during lunch break.
- 7. Nothing in Section B of the Policy which covers clubs, organizations, and meetings shall be construed to authorize the District or any District personnel:
 - a. To influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity.
 - b. To require any person to participate in prayer or other religious activity.
 - c. To expend public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the space for meetings.

- d. To compel any District personnel to attend a school meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the beliefs of the employee.
 - e. To sanction or permit meetings that are otherwise unlawful.
 - f. To limit meetings which are not of a specified numerical size.
 - g. To abridge the constitutional rights of any person.
8. Nothing in this policy will be construed to limit the authority of the school, its agents or employees, to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and faculty, and to assure that attendance of the students at meetings is voluntary.

Reference: U.S. Equal Access Act; Education Code Sections 32050-32052, 48930-48938; FJUHSB BP 5411, AR 5411, BP 5700, AR 5700.1, BP 5461, BP 5512.1, AR 5512.1, AR 6513.5, BP 6550, AR 6550, BP 6565, AR 6565

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