

SECTION 701-A EQUAL ACCESS FOR NONDISTRICT SPONSORED, STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education will not permit the use of school facilities by nondistrict-sponsored, student clubs and activities or District-sponsored, extra-curricular clubs and activities during instructional times. During non-instructional time, however, no group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the activity.

An application for permission for Nondistrict-sponsored, student clubs and activities to meet on school premises shall be made to the building level administrator, who shall grant permission provided that s/he determines that:

- A. the activity has been initiated by secondary students;
- B. membership and attendance at meetings are voluntary;
- C. no agent or employee of the District will promote, lead, or participate in the meeting;
- D. an agent or employee of the District will be present to monitor facility use and student conduct.
- E. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of instructional activities in the school and does not occur during instructional times;
- F. nonschool persons do not direct, conduct, control, or attend the activity.

A student-initiated group granted permission to meet on school premises shall be provided the same rights and access of student organizations sponsored by the school district, except as provided by this policy. Participation in a student-initiated meeting must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of a student's race, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, religion, age, gender or gender orientation, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, national origin, ancestry, or social or economic status.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society.

No professional staff member shall be compelled to attend a student-initiated meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs.

The principal may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.

Equal Access Act of 1984, 20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq.
 American with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.
 Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000e

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