

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES BY NON-CURRICULUM STUDENT GROUPS

In compliance with the Equal Access Act of 1984, the Board will afford non-curriculum and curriculum-related student groups at the high school equal access to school facilities for meetings before and after school. The Board will not deny access to any student group based on the group's religious, political, philosophical, or other orientation. However, any meeting which threatens the orderly conduct of educational activities or is in any way unlawful will be prohibited.

This policy applies only to voluntary, student-initiated student groups. Representatives from outside organizations may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend such meetings. The student group is responsible to procure a school employee for the purposes of supervising and monitoring student meetings. These staff members may not participate in or influence the content of religious meeting in any way. Furthermore, no staff member may be compelled to attend any meeting if the content of the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs.

In affording non-curriculum student groups an opportunity to meet, the Board is simply making its facilities available in accordance with the law. The Board does not promote, endorse, or otherwise sponsor any particular non-curriculum group. No public funds will be expended for any non-curriculum student meeting beyond the incidental cost associated with providing meeting space.

The high school principal is authorized to develop specific procedures consistent with this policy for the assignment of meeting space. If necessary, space may be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All student groups must observe the rules of conduct which normally govern student behavior and are responsible for any damages to the facility.

Use of school facilities by community organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTO, etc., are governed by Policy File KF.

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