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Policy 2940
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Activities and Athletics

Student Group Use of School Facilities

Pursuant to the Equal Access Act, District secondary schools will provide an opportunity for student-initiated noncurricular groups to conduct meetings on school premises, during noninstructional time, and will not discriminate against students on the basis of the religious, political or philosophical content of the speech at such meetings.

An activity is to be considered curricular if the subject matter is or will be taught in a regularly offered class; if the subject matter concerns the body of courses as a whole; if participation in the group is a requirement for a course; or if academic credit is available for participation. Extracurricular activities include activities organized and supervised under the auspices of the school. Extracurricular activities primarily involve students in activities occurring outside academic class time, for which no units of credit are awarded. Any activity which does not meet the definition of a curricular or extracurricular activity will be considered noncurricular.

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Secondary schools will provide an opportunity for student-initiated noncurricular groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time when the following criteria have been met:

1. A meeting must be voluntary and student-initiated. No student shall be in any way coerced to participate in religious or other activity. Teachers and school administrators, when acting within the course and scope of their employment, will strictly observe a policy of official neutrality regarding religious activity.
2. No school employee may sponsor, promote, lead, or participate in any student-initiated, noncurricular meeting. However, a teacher, administrator, or other school employee may be assigned to monitor the group's facility use and student conduct.
3. Employees and agents of the school may be present at student-initiated religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity.
4. The meeting does 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 the meetings of a student-initiated, noncurricular group.