

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

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NON-CURRICULUM-RELATED STUDENT CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS

For purposes of the Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. § 4071, *et. seq.*, the Board has created a limited open forum for students attending the District's secondary schools. District secondary schools shall offer an opportunity for non-curriculum-related student clubs or organizations to meet on school premises during non-instructional time. Each principal shall set aside non-instructional time before or after actual classroom instruction for meetings of non-curriculum-related student clubs or organizations. The location of the meeting site shall be determined by the principal with the approved sponsor in attendance for supervision purposes.

WRITTEN REQUEST

Students desiring to form a club or organization to meet on school premises shall file a written request with the campus principal or designee. The request shall be signed by a minimum of twenty students and shall designate a teacher employed by the North East ISD who has agreed to serve as the faculty sponsor. Written parental permission is required in order for a student to participate in the club or organization. The request shall also contain a copy of a proposed constitution for the club or organization that must contain, at a minimum, a brief statement of the group's purposes, goals, and activities; a list of the group's members; a description of any funding or other assistance received from, or affiliation with any non-students or non-student groups; and a schedule of proposed meeting times. Requests shall be subject to approval by the principal in consultation with the Campus Improvement Committee, and Superintendent based on the availability of suitable meeting space and compliance with this policy.

STUDENT-INITIATED MEETINGS

The establishment of a non-curriculum-related student club or organization, and its meetings, must be voluntary and student-initiated. Non-school persons shall not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of such groups. Neither the school nor any school employees may endorse or promote such groups, and school employees may only be present at religious meetings in a non-participatory capacity. Meetings of student groups may not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.

LIMITED OPEN FORUM

The establishment of a limited open forum shall not limit the authority of a school, the District, its agents or employees to maintain order and discipline on school premises, and to protect the well-being of students and staff. In that connection, no club or organization shall be authorized which, by virtue of its purposes, goals or activities, promotes, encourages or condones, directly or indirectly, participation in any conduct by students that is

classified as a criminal offense under Texas law, or that poses a risk to their health, safety or welfare (including, but not limited to, sexual activity by minors).

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure of a non-curriculum-related student group to comply with applicable rules may result in loss of the right to meet on school premises, and/or other sanctions, as determined by the Superintendent.

**ACCOUNTING
GUIDELINES**

All monies associated with a club or organization must be deposited in the school's student activity account(s) as per North East ISD accounting guidelines.

DISTRICT POLICIES

All District policies and school rules shall apply at all times.

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