

## Section 8000 – Students

### 8720-R Non-School-Sponsored Student Clubs and Organizations

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- A. The District will not discriminate against or deny equal access to students of the District who wish to conduct club meetings that fall within the Equal Access Act guidelines, as long as:
1. The meetings are student initiated and voluntary.
  2. The school and its employees and agents do not sponsor the meeting.
  3. Agents or employees of the school are present only in a non-participatory capacity.
  4. The meeting does not interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's educational activities materially or substantially.
  5. Non-school persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the activities of student groups.
- B. Student meetings, held under the Equal Access Act, may take place only during "non-instructional time." Non-instructional time is defined as that time before actual classroom instruction begins in the morning, during the lunch hour, or after actual classroom instruction ends in the afternoon. School personnel may be present in all meetings under the Equal Access Act to:
1. Maintain order and discipline on school premises and enforce the Student Code of Conduct, District policies and administrative rules and regulations.
  2. Protect the well-being of students and faculty.
  3. Assure that student attendance at all meetings is voluntary.
- C. The District may deny access to a student group if meetings are for a purpose that is unlawful or for a purpose, which would interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school materially or substantially.
- A District employee may be present as an observer at the meetings to maintain order and protect the general welfare of the students involved.
- District employees shall not direct or influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity nor require any person to participate in prayer or any other religious activity.

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### Student Social Events

The building Principal must approve all social events at least one month in advance of the event.

Any fee charged for a dance or other social event must have the prior approval of the Principal. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcome to attend.

All high school social events must end by 11:00 p.m. on nights followed by a school day and by 12:00 midnight on weekends. All middle school events must end by 10:00 p.m. on nights followed by a school day and by 11:00 on weekends. The Superintendent, in consultation with the building Principal, may grant specific permission in advance for any deviations.

The building Principals may make such other rules and regulations as they deem necessary for the conduct of student social events. These rules and regulations and any amendments thereto shall be published in such a manner so that all students are aware of such rules and regulations and understand their importance.

Rules Accepted: June 29, 2009