

6145.5 Student Organizations

The Governing Board believes that student groups or clubs are appropriate for instructional and social enrichment at the secondary-school level. Within the district's kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum, however, student groups are not authorized to meet on district premises during instructional or non-instructional time.

This policy does not apply to non-student initiated organizations such as student councils, leadership electives and honor societies.

Closed Forum

The district maintains a closed forum on school campuses. Student- initiated groups shall not be allowed to meet on school premises. This closed forum policy applies equally to curriculum related and non-curriculum related student clubs or groups. No student group shall have access to the school media, including but not limited to the school bulletin board, public address system and school website.

Administrators shall not grant recognition, school sanction or any other benefit, to a student-initiated group, regardless of the purpose, viewpoint, or purported mission of the group.

Student-initiated groups are subject to the requirements specified in board policy and administrative regulation for community groups regarding the use of district facilities for meetings and the right to distribute materials to students.

No school shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or otherwise discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or with any other youth group listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the United States Code, for reasons based on the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country. (20 USC 7905)

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