

**Policy 504.02: Secondary School Student Organizations**

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Secondary school student-initiated, non-curriculum-related groups must request the use of school facilities with the building principal. Approval or denial will be made by the principal or their designee.

Approved groups may meet only during non-instructional times. Attendance is limited to students and participation shall be strictly voluntary and student initiated. Meetings shall not interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activity. Non-instructional time shall mean any time before the first period in the day when the students attend class or after the last period in the day that students attend class.

Activities relating to and part of the education program will have priority over the activities of another organization.

Either certified or classified employees will be required to sponsor and monitor authorized meetings. It is the responsibility of the student group to arrange for supervision. An employee may be allowed to monitor more than one such meeting held concurrently if the principal determines that adequate order and discipline can be maintained to ensure that attendance of students at the meeting is voluntary.

It will also be the responsibility of the principal to determine whether a student group is curriculum-related. One or more of the following questions will be answered affirmatively if the group is curriculum-related:

- Is the subject matter of the group actually taught in a regularly offered course?
- Will the subject matter of the group soon be taught in a regularly offered course?
- Does the subject matter of the group concern the body of courses as a whole?
- Is participation in the group required for a particular course?
- Does participation in the group result in academic credit?

Student-initiated, non-curriculum related groups will not use the school name, school mascot name, District name, or any name that might imply school or District sponsorship. The use of school equipment will be subject to board policy.

**Noncurriculum-Related Organizations**

Student-initiated, noncurriculum-related organizations are provided access to meeting space and school district facilities.

Only students may attend and participate in meetings of noncurriculum-related groups. Such attendance is strictly voluntary and student-initiated. As a means of determining whether a student's attendance is voluntary, the principal may require parental consent for the student to attend the meetings.

Employees will be assigned to monitor approved meetings. Employees will not participate in the meeting or assist in planning, criticizing, or encouraging attendance.

As a means of determining whether a student's attendance at an approved meeting is voluntary, a school principal or their designee may require parental consent for attendance at meetings of non-curriculum-related groups.