

Board Policy

Code No. 504.2R1

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS **Limited Open Forum**

Secondary school student-initiated, noncurriculum-related groups must request the use of school facilities with the building principal. Approval or denial will be made by the principal or the principal's 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.

Student-initiated, noncurriculum-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.

Either certificated or classified employees will be assigned to monitor authorized meetings. An employee may be assigned 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 meetings is voluntary. Employees shall not participate in any way in the meeting or assist in planning, criticizing, or encouraging attendance. Non-school persons cannot direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activity of student groups.

In determining whether a group is curriculum related, the school principal or the principal's designee should be able to answer these two questions affirmatively:

1. Does the school usually sponsor an activity dealing with this subject matter?
2. Does the school require or directly encourage student participation in such a group in connection with curriculum course work?

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

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