

Student Organizations

Schools in the district may encourage students to broaden their knowledge and citizenship by permitting the formation of clubs or other groups that relate to subject matter covered by the curriculum. The principal is responsible for determining whether the purpose of a student organization is related to the curriculum. Such organizations shall operate within the framework of state statutes, Board policy, administrative rules and the parameters of the learning program.

Each building principal shall develop general guidelines for the establishment and operation of student organizations within the particular school. Among other provisions, such guidelines shall require the approval of the principal prior to the formation of any club or organization in a school and the assignment of at least one faculty adviser to each approved student organization. The principal or designee is authorized to approve or deny all requests to conduct meetings on school premises.

All student organizations are required to open membership to all interested and/or eligible students. Fraternities, sororities and/or secret societies shall not receive recognition in any manner under this policy.

All forms of hazing shall be prohibited in a student organization. No initiation shall be held for a student organization that will be degrading to the student or brings criticism to the school system.

The faculty adviser must attend every meeting of the student organization whether conducted on school premises or at another location.

Student organizations shall be considered directly related to the curriculum if one or more of the following applies:

1. The subject matter of the group actually is taught in a regularly offered course.
2. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole.
3. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
4. Academic credit or extra credit is given for participation in the group.

When the principal denies the request of a student organization desiring to meet or form in a particular school, the principal shall inform the group of the reasons for the denial. The students and/or group may submit a written request to the superintendent within 10 days of the denial for a review of the principal's decision.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq. (*Equal Access Act*)

C.R.S. 22-1-117 (*secret fraternities forbidden*)

C.R.S. 22-1-118 (*board has power to enforce prohibition on secret fraternities*)

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