



Board Policy: Student Organizations

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Student organizations have an important place in the educational program because, when properly organized and operated, they:

1. Extend and reinforce the instructional program.
2. Give students practice in democratic self-government.
3. Build student morale and a spirit of positive support for the school.
4. Honor outstanding student achievement.
5. Provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

Student clubs may be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized at the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school and have a democratic plan for the selection of members. Organizational activities shall not conflict with the authority and responsibilities of school officials.

Clubs shall not be sponsored by any political organization. Membership must be open to all students. All student clubs will have equal access to facilities and a fair opportunity to meet.

All clubs are directly under the control of school authorities. Each club must be approved by the principal and a faculty advisor must attend each meeting or activity.

Off campus clubs or organizations not directly under the control of school authorities may not conduct activities on campus without the advance written approval of the CEO, or designee, nor may the name of the school be used without such permission.

Student Government

Each school may organize a student council with the approval of site principal and subject to the control and regulations of CNCA. This organization shall have as its purpose the conduct of activities on behalf of the students approved by the principal and not in conflict with the authority and responsibility of CNCA.

Each student council shall have bylaws which will indicate the purposes and goals of such an association. The constitution should include the following:



1. Requirements for membership in the Student Body Association.
2. Student Council Meetings.
3. Officers.
4. Representatives to the Student Council.
5. Election procedures.
6. Requirements for election to Study Body Office.
7. Terms of offices.

Minutes of all student council meetings shall be maintained by the principal or administrative designee and be open to inspection of students, teachers, the district administration, Board, and the public.

Each school may organize the student body to finance activities for non-instructional periods or to augment or to enrich the programs provided by CNCA. All activities shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Limited Open Forum

CNCA secondary schools shall maintain a limited open forum during which students may hold meetings or activities not directly related to the school curriculum. The principal shall schedule this forum on non-instructional time so that it in no way interferes with regular school activities.

The Board shall not deny access to any student-initiated group on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or any other content to be addressed at such meetings.

The Principal or designee shall insure that meetings held within the limited open forum are voluntary and student-initiated, with no direction, control or regular attendance by non-school persons. The Board may deny the use of facilities to groups that threaten to disrupt the school program or threaten the health or safety of students and staff.

School staff shall not promote or participate in these meetings, but may be assigned to simply observe them.

Meetings held within the limited open forum shall entail no expenditure of public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the meeting space. Any announcement of meetings shall clearly state that the group is not sponsored by the school or school staff.



Authorization of use under the federal Equal Access Act does not indicate that the Board approves or advocates matters which are discussed at open forum meetings.

All student organizations, clubs, programs and activities are available to all persons without regard to actual or perceived ancestry, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.