

NONCURRICULUM-RELATED STUDENT GROUPS

Pursuant to the Equal Access Act, the board authorizes non-curriculum-related groups to meet before or after school, subject to the approval of the principal. Such approval shall be granted provided that activities of the group are not disruptive to school operations and the members of the group comply with the rules established by the superintendent and/or school principals. The board authorizes the superintendent to develop administrative procedures to create or maintain this "limited open forum."

The principal shall approve the non-curriculum-related student meeting or activity provided that:

1. The meeting shall be voluntary and initiated by students.
2. The school or its staff shall not be sponsor of the group.
3. The meeting shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly operation of the school.
4. Students shall be responsible for the direction, control and conduct of the meeting. Guests must be registered and must not be regular participants.
5. Students shall not be required to participate in any religious activity.
6. The use of the public funds for other than incidental and/or monitoring costs shall not be permitted. Funds acquired by non-curriculum related groups shall be held in an associated student body account which shall be accessible by that student group.
7. A staff member shall not be compelled to attend when the meeting is contrary to his/her belief.
8. The constitutional rights of any person shall be respected.

The principal shall be responsible for the assignment of a room and the approval and/or assignment of a staff member to monitor the meeting.

Cross Reference:

Board Policy 2150

Co-Curricular Program

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. 4071-4074

Equal Access Act

Wash. Const. Art. I, § 11

Wash. Const. Art. IX, § 4