

Policy

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EQUAL ACCESS FOR NONDISTRICT-SPONSORED, STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education will generally not permit the use of school facilities by non-district-sponsored student clubs and activities or District-sponsored extra-curricular clubs and activities during instruction hours, unless the activity will not interfere with instructional time for participating students. During non-instructional time, however, no group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the activity.

An application for permission for Non-district-Sponsored student clubs and activities to meet on school premises shall be made to a building administrator, who shall grant permission provided that s/he determines that:

- A. The activity has been initiated by students;
- B. Attendance at the meeting is voluntary;
- C. No agent or employee of the District will promote, or lead;
- D. The meeting does not unduly disrupt the orderly conduct of instructional activities in the school;
- E. Non-school persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the activity.

A student-initiated group granted permission to meet on school premises shall be provided the same rights and access and shall be subject to the same administrative guidelines that govern the meetings of student organizations sponsored by this Board, except as provided by this policy. Participation in a student-initiated meeting must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights law (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Characteristics")

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society. The District Administrator or building principal may exclude nonstudents from directing, controlling, or attending any such meetings of students.

A professional staff member may be assigned to attend a student initiated meeting in a custodial capacity but shall not be required to participate in the activity. No professional staff member shall be compelled to attend a student-initiated meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs.

Adults or community organizations who wish to sponsor a meeting or activity for student shall follow the procedure established in Policy 7510 – Use of District Facilities to request permission to use the District's facilities for such a meeting or activity. Adults who make such a request shall be

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required to provide a general description of the purpose of the meeting or activity, and participation in such a meeting must be available to all student who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of a student's ex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights law (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Characteristics"). Furthermore, conducting such a meeting or activity during the school day is prohibited.

The principal may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.

118.13 Wis. Stats.

P.I. 9, 41 Wis. Admin. Code

Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution

20 U.S.C. 1415

20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., Title IX of Education Amendments Act

20 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974

20 U.S.C. 4071 et seq., Equal Access Act of 1984

29 U.S.C. 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

42 U.S.C. 1983

42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.

42 U.S.C. 20003 35 seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964

34 C.F.R. 300.600-300.662

Vocational Education Program Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services,
Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 1979

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