School District

STUDENTS 3233

Student Use of Buildings: Equal Access

Non-curricular groups of students not previously recognized as <u>curricular student organization</u> under Policy 3510 or 3550 may conduct meetings <u>gather</u> on school premises under the following guidelines without restriction on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the meeting. Students wishing to form <u>curricular</u> groups or organizations recognized by the school administration may do so in accordance with policy 3510 or 3550.

The following guidelines must be met:

- 1. The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated.
- 2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school district, or its agents or employees.
- 3. The meeting must occur during non-instructional time on regular school days.
- 4. Employees or agents of the school district are present only in a capacity outside of their official duties.
- 5. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
- 6. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities.

Although the school assumes no sponsorship of these kinds of meetings, all meetings held on school premises must be scheduled and approved by the principal.

This policy pertains to student meetings. The school has the authority, through its agent or employees, to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the well-being of students and faculty.

Cross Reference: Policy 3510 School Sponsored Activities

Policy 3222 – Distribution and Posting Materials

Policy 4331 – Use of School Property for Posting Notices

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 4071 Equal Access Act

Board of Education v. Mergens, 110 S.Ct. 2356 (1990)

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