ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED OPEN FORUM

For purposes of the Equal Access Act, the Board has created a limited open forum for students attending the District's secondary schools. District secondary schools shall offer an opportunity for noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.

Each principal shall set aside noninstructional time before or after actual classroom instruction for meetings of noncurriculum-related student groups.

Students wishing to meet on school premises shall file a written request with the campus principal. The request shall contain a brief statement of the group's purposes and goals, a list of the group's members, and a schedule of its proposed meeting times. Requests shall be approved by the principal and Superintendent subject to availability of suitable meeting space and without regard to the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech likely to be associated with the group's meetings. Notices of meetings may be posted in a manner determined by the principal.

STAFF PARTICIPATION PROHIBITED

School personnel shall not promote, lead, or participate in the meetings of noncurriculum-related student groups. The principal may assign staff to monitor student meetings, as needed, and may establish reasonable written guidelines for the conduct of meetings to maintain order and discipline, protect the well-being of students and faculty, and ensure that student attendance is voluntary.

VIOLATIONS

Failure of a noncurriculum-related student group to comply with applicable rules may result in loss of the right to meet on school premises. The principal shall report rule violations to the Superintendent.

SUSPENSIONS

Depending upon the seriousness of any rule violations, the Superintendent may suspend a noncurriculum-related student group's right to meet on school premises for the balance of the school year or some lesser time period.

If a determination to suspend a group occurs during the last reporting period of the school year, the suspension may extend through the end of the first semester of the next school year. Suspensions or warnings imposed by the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board in accordance with FNG.