

**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 be signed by a minimum of ten students and shall designate a teacher who has agreed to serve as the faculty sponsor. Written parental permission is required in order for a student to participate in the club or organization. The request shall also contain a brief statement of the group's purposes and goals, a list of the group's members; a description of any funding or other assistance received from, or affiliation with any nonstudents or nonstudent groups; and a schedule of its proposed meeting times. Requests shall be subject to approval by the principal and Superintendent based on the availability of suitable meeting space and compliance with this policy. Notices of meetings may be posted in a manner determined by the principal.

**Staff Participation  
Prohibited**

The establishment of a noncurriculum-related student club or organization, and its meetings, must be voluntary and student-initiated. Nonschool persons shall not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of such groups. Neither the school nor any school employees may endorse or promote such groups, and school employees may only be present at religious meetings in a nonparticipatory capacity. Meetings of student groups may not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school. 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. The faculty sponsor shall 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.

**School Authority**

The establishment of a limited open forum shall not limit the authority of a school, the District, its agents or employees to maintain order and discipline on school premises, and to protect the well-being of students and staff. In that connection, no club or organization

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shall be authorized that, by virtue of its purposes, goals, or activities, promotes, encourages, or condones, directly or indirectly, participation in any conduct by students that is classified as a criminal offense under Texas law, or that poses a risk to their health, safety, or welfare (including, but not limited to sexual activity by minors).

**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.