

EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

This policy creates a limited forum during which all noncurriculum-related student groups shall have equal access and a fair opportunity to conduct meetings.

I. Access to Limited Open Forum

- A. The time set aside for a limited forum on days during which classes are in session shall be at the discretion of administration.
- B. Non-curriculum-related student groups that desire to conduct meetings during the limited open forum shall make the request in writing to the building principal or administrator in charge to conduct a meeting during the open forum. The request shall include an estimate of the number of students expected to be in attendance at the meeting, dates, and any special equipment needed.
- C. Upon receipt of such a request, the principal or administrator in charge shall try to find a suitable room for the group and arrange for proper supervision of the meeting by an agent or employee of the school district.
- D. In the event that there is an insufficient number of rooms available or insufficient number of supervisors available on a particular day, noncurriculum-related student groups shall be given access on a first-come, first serve basis.
- E. No group shall be discriminated against or denied access on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the students' speech at such meetings.
- F. The administration shall adopt additional rules as deemed necessary.

II. Uses of Facilities by Students

- A. This policy applies only to students in grades 7-12.
- B. The number of students will be limited to the safe capacity of the room used.
- C. Students meeting during the limited forum shall not engage in any activity that is illegal, dangerous, or disruptive to other activities. Failure to abide by this could lead to discipline measures and the denial of access to the group to the limited forum.

- D. No group shall be allowed to meet during the limited open forum without supervision by an agent or employee of the school district.
- E. All meetings of noncurriculum-related student groups during the limited open forum shall be voluntary and student initiated.

III. Regulation of Limited Open Forum

- A. No public funds shall be spent for the benefit of noncurriculum-related student groups meeting during the limited open forum beyond the cost of providing space for meetings.
- B. Neither the school district, its agents, or employees shall promote, lead, or participate in any meeting except in a supervisory capacity.
- C. Nonschool persons are not allowed to meet with noncurriculum-related student groups during the limited forum unless permission is obtained in advance from the administrator in charge.
- D. No school agent or employee shall be compelled to supervise a meeting of a noncurriculum-related student group if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to beliefs of the agent or employee.
- E. Non-school persons can be denied access to school district property if their behavior is, or reasonably threatens to be, illegal, dangerous, or disruptive to other activities.
- F. Nonschool persons are not allowed to direct, conduct, or control activities of noncurriculum-related student groups during the limited open forum.
- G. This policy applicable to the limited open forum shall have no application to activities that occur outside of the limited open forum.

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LEGAL REF: Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Subsections 4071-4074