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Students

Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access

[For high school and unit districts]

Student groups or clubs that are not school sponsored are granted free use of school premises for a meeting or series of meetings under the following conditions:

1. The meeting is held during those non-instructional times identified by the Superintendent or designee for non-curricular student groups, clubs, or organizations to meet. *“Non-instructional time”* means time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends. *“Non-curricular student groups”* are those student groups, clubs, or organizations that do not directly relate to the curriculum.
2. All ~~noncurriculum~~non-curriculum related student groups that are not District sponsored receive substantially the same treatment.
3. The meeting is student-initiated, meaning that the request is made by a student~~(s)~~.
4. Attendance at the meeting is voluntary.
5. The school will not sponsor the meeting.
6. School employees are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity.
7. The meeting and/or any activities during the meeting do not materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities.
8. Non-school persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the meetings.
9. The school retains its authority to maintain order and discipline.
10. A school staff member or other responsible ~~audit~~adult is present in a supervisory capacity.
11. The Superintendent or designee approves the meeting or series of meetings.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

LEGAL REF.: ~~Equal Access Act,~~ _____ 20 U.S.C. §-4071 et seq., Equal Access Act. Board Bd. of Education Ed. of Westside Community School Sch. Dist. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226, ~~110 S. Ct. 2356, 110 L.Ed.2d 191~~ (1990). Gernetzke v. Kenosha Unified School Sch. Dist. No. 1, 274 F.3d 464 (7th Cir. 2001), cert. ~~Denied, 122 denied, 535 U.S. Ct. 1606~~1017.

CROSS REF.: —7:10 (Equal ~~Education~~Educational Opportunities), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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