

STUDENT-INITIATED CLUBS AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

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The District permits the formation of voluntary, non curricular student organizations at the high school level. Such organizations are generally interest-based groups whose meetings and activities are planned and run by current students whose primary school of enrollment and attendance is a District school. While non curricular student organizations are subject to regulation by the District, they are not District-sponsored and are not District-directed co-curricular or extracurricular activities. A District staff member or other agent of the District may be assigned to qualified non curricular student organizations for general custodial purposes, including serving as an initial point-of-contact for the group's operational questions.

Third-party individuals or organizations who are not affiliated with the District may not create, be members of, regularly attend, or direct or control the activities of a non curricular student organization.

To take advantage of access to school facilities (e.g., for meeting time/space) and any other benefits that may be offered to non curricular student organizations at a particular school, such an organization must be registered with the Activities Director.

1. The Activities Directors is authorized to establish lawful criteria and procedures for the registration, recognition, operation, and possible discontinuation of non curricular student organizations, which may include, for example, a requirement for a showing of interest and/or a requirement to hold regular meetings or other activities at school.
2. The registration and operation of a non curricular student organization may be denied for lawful reasons, such as that the group intends to engage in or advocate criminal conduct or engage in or advocate activities that pose an unreasonable risk to health and safety.
3. Non Curricular student organizations may not discriminate in their membership or in their activities in a manner that would violate the District's student nondiscrimination policies. However, the District also acknowledges its obligation to avoid engaging in any unlawful discrimination against any proposed or active student organization, or participating student, on the

basis of, for example, the religious, political, or philosophical content or viewpoint of such an organization or its activities or speech.

4. A non curricular student organization must be able to identify its regular/official members to the District. No secret society/organization is eligible to be recognized as a non curricular student organization.

The District reserves all lawful power and authority to maintain order and discipline on District premises, to prevent disruption of instructional time and activities, and to protect the well-being of students and staff. If the District determines that a student's conduct inappropriately disrupts the meetings or activities of a non curricular student group, or that any student's conduct violates other District policies, rules, or directives, the District may deny the student permission to continue to participate in the group and the student may be subject to other District-imposed disciplinary consequences.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.13](#) [student nondiscrimination]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

[PL9](#) [student nondiscrimination]

Federal Laws

[20 U.S.C. §§4071-4074](#) [Equal Access Act; denial of equal access prohibited]

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