

## Community Relations

### Public Activities Involving Staff, Students, and/or School Facilities

#### Non-District Sponsored Student Clubs and Activities

The Board of Education will not permit the use of school facilities by Non-District sponsored student clubs and activities or District sponsored extra-curricular clubs and activities during instructional hours. During non-instructional time, however, no group of students regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, philosophical, or other content of the activity.

An application for permission for Non-District sponsored student clubs and activities to meet on school premises shall be made to the principal who shall grant permission provided that she/he determines that:

- A. The activity has been initiated by secondary students;
- B. Attendance at the meeting is voluntary;
- C. No agent or employee of the District will promote, lead, or participate in the meeting;
- D. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of instructional activities in the school; and/
- E. Non-school persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the activity.

A student initiated group granted permission to meet on school premises shall be provided the same rights and access and shall be subject to the same administrative guidelines that govern the meetings of student organizations sponsored by this Board, except as provided by this policy. Participation in a student initiated meeting must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of a student's race, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, religion, age, gender or gender orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, national origin, ancestry, or social or economic status.

The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society. A student initiated meeting may be attended by no more than two (2) outside resource person(s). The Superintendent may exclude nonstudents from directing, controlling, or attending any such meetings of students.

A professional staff member may attend or may be assigned to attend a student initiated meeting in a custodial capacity but shall not participate in the activity. No professional staff member shall be compelled to attend a student initiated meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs.

The principal may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.

**Legal Reference:**                    **118.13 Wisconsin Statutes**  
   **P.I. 9, 41 Wisconsin Administrative Code**  
   **Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution**  
   **20 U.S.C. 1415, 1681, 1701, and 4071**  
   **29 U.S.C. 794**

**42 U.S.C. 12101, 1982, 2000d, and 2000e  
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