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Instruction

Extra-Class Activities: Closed Forum

The Board of Education establishes a Closed Forum for the district’s high school student organization and requires such organizations to be directly related to the curriculum and/or the Common Core of Learning. Membership in all student organizations is open to all students of the school without regard to race, color, sex, religion, handicap, creed or national origin. Such organizations will operate within the framework of state and federal law, statutes, Board policy, administrative rules and the parameters of the learning program.

The approval of the Principal is required prior to the formation of any club or organization. Each club or organization must have at least one faculty advisor and all activities of that club or organization must comply with the provisions of Board policy.

The formation of any student organization that may engage in activities of an apparently controversial nature that may, in the opinion of the principal, interfere with the legitimate educational concerns of the school will require approval by the Board. All student organizations are required to open membership to all interested and/or eligible students. Additionally, fraternities, sororities and/or secret societies will not receive recognition in any manner.

A faculty ~~advisory~~ **advisor** must attend every meeting of the student organization whether conducted on school premises or at another location.

The Principal is authorized to deny all requests for forming an organization where the requirements of this policy, and Board policy are not met. When the Principal denies the request of students ~~desiring~~ to form an organization in a particular school, the Principal will inform the students of the reasons for the denial. The students may submit a written request to the Superintendent or his/her designees within ten (10) days of the denial for a review of the Principal's decision. The decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee after review of the denial will be final.

Legal Reference: *Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens*

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