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LIMITED OPEN / CLOSED FORUM

Student meetings may be held in the school(s) of the District that offer instruction in grades seven (7) and eight (8) or above under a "limited open forum". Furthermore, insofar as the District has a procedure defined as a "limited open forum" under the provisions of Title VIII, the Equal Access Act, Section 801 *et seq.*, the District school(s) shall offer to students a fair opportunity to conduct meetings using school facilities whereupon:

- Such meetings are voluntary and student initiated.
- There is no sponsorship of such meetings by the District, District employees or governmental entities, or employees of governmental entities.
- District employees present at religious meetings will be present only in a nonparticipatory capacity.
- Such meetings shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities of the District.
- Nonschool persons shall not be permitted to direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend such student group meetings.

Patriotic Youth Group

A public school may not deny a patriotic youth group equal access or a fair opportunity to meet in a designated open forum or limited public forum, or otherwise discriminate against the group, including on the basis of its membership or leadership requirements or its oath of allegiance to God and country. For purposes of this policy, the term patriotic youth group has the meaning prescribed in A.R.S. 15-120.08.

Any patriotic youth group representative who seeks to address students must, during the first two (2) weeks of the school year, submit a verbal or written request to the principal. The principal may provide a verbal or written approval with an assigned date and time for the presentation. Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-120.08(A) the presentation will be scheduled during the first quarter of the academic school year and may be scheduled during regular school hours. Subject to the conditions provided in 15-120.08(B), the principal may accept materials from the patriotic youth group for distribution to students.

Neither the District, any employee or agent of the District, nor of any State or federal governmental entity shall be permitted to:

- Influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity connected with student meetings.
- Require any person to participate in prayer or other religious activity.
- Expend public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the space for

such student-initiated meetings.

- Compel any employee of the District to attend a school meeting that is contrary to the beliefs of the employee.
- Sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful.
- Limit the rights of groups of students to avail themselves under the provisions of this policy to a specified numerical size.
- Abridge either Arizona or U.S. constitutional rights of any employee, official, or student of the District.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit the authority of the school or its agents or employees to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and employees, and to assure that attendance of students at such meetings is voluntary.

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LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

15-120.08

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20 U.S.C. 4071. Equal Access Act, Section 801 *et seq.*

CROSS REF.:

KF - Community Use of School Facilities