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TO: Weber School District Board Members: President Paul Widdison, Vice President Douglas Hurst, Members: Janis Christensen, Jan Burrell, Bruce Jardine, Kelly Larson, Wyle Williams
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SUBJECT: Policy 4540 Student Organizations - Revised
-First Read

Policy 4540 Student Organizations has been revised to include all approvals, operations, and standards for curricular Clubs and noncurricular Groups to be administered in a strict, viewpoint-neutral manner without unlawful discrimination. Key operational updates clarify that junior high schools may no longer host noncurricular Groups (joining elementary schools, which continue to sponsor only curricular Clubs), and all permitted Groups must reapply annually at the start of the school year. Additionally, the policy outlines that the District must deny or limit curricular Clubs whose purpose promotes, degrades, or identifies a personal identity characteristic, as well as noncurricular Groups whose purpose degrades one, with all written denials citing specific legal grounds. Finally, the update prohibits granting academic credit, extra credit, or excused absences for student participation in political advocacy, partisan activity, or public protest. The Legal Department recommends Board approval of this revision on first read.