

Active involvement of students in clubs and other activities that provide diversity and supplement the regular classroom activities are not only encouraged by the Board of Trustees of Minidoka County Joint School District #331, but are expected of students, in order to achieve the maximum benefits of the educational opportunity provided. Rules and regulations governing clubs and special benefits accorded to specific clubs are noted.

Provisions:

The following guidelines will govern clubs for secondary schools in Minidoka County Joint School District #331:

1. All clubs sponsored or permitted in the schools of Minidoka County Joint School District #331 must receive prior approval from both the school administration and student council to exist upon petition of the proposed club. [If a club needs to obtain a bank school account, account club for any fundraising to be done by the club, it must be approved by the Board.](#) Each application shall set forth the name, type of organization, aims and objectives, purpose, officers and sponsor of the club.
2. Failure to adhere to, and promote those aims and objectives, or if the club brings ridicule to itself, or the school, may result in the club being disenfranchised.
3. Clubs will be divided into four categories. They are:
 - a. Professional Technical Clubs -- A component of all professional technical programs is the development and involvement in a professional technical club. In order for students to receive credit for the state-approved professional technical program necessitates the student belong to, and actively participate in, a professional technical club. Such clubs provide competition with other professional technical clubs on both the state and national level. Some activities may require absence from the normal school day.
 - b. Sport Clubs -- These are clubs comprised of students within the given school who participate in an Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) competition or activity. Such clubs are permitted to use the school name, mascot and logo as part of their program. Completion of a successful competitive season will permit the student athlete to qualify for and receive a "letter" as a part of that participation in accordance with the high school guidelines for qualifying for a school "letter". Limited absence from the normal school day may be required.
 - c. Academic Clubs -- These are clubs associated with a particular academic course offered in the school. Such clubs are open to all students wishing to participate, and are held at times outside the regular classroom day on a voluntary basis for those wishing participation. Such clubs may sponsor activities to supplement the existing class course work. Such activities will be held at times when school is not regularly in session (A non-Idaho High School Activities Association).
 - d. Nonacademic Clubs -- These are clubs that may be organized on a voluntary participation basis, for activities outside of the school curriculum. All membership and

activities are voluntarily organized and operated at times such that they do not conflict with the normal school day.

4. With the exception of approved Professional Technical clubs, all clubs must provide for all of their own transportation equipment, supplies and operational funds.
5. Professional Technical clubs are expected to pay their full cost to attend any State competitions from the revenues generated by such club or club activities. Should a student receive the opportunity to represent the State in a National competition, the school may appropriate funds for such activity, which can be used to help defray a portion of the costs for National competition. All requests must be submitted, consistent with the policy on Out-of-State trips.
6. Any club operating must have an approved sponsor. Preferably the sponsor should be a staff member of the school.
7. The club must operate under the guidelines developed and approved under its current charter.
8. Any club recognized by the school will be permitted to use available classrooms at those times and conditions permitted by the principal.
9. All clubs must keep books of all financial transactions, and all monies shall be kept in the school account which shall be subject to an annual audit.
10. The National Honor Society, Scholastic Bowl and Academic Decathlon are not considered clubs under this policy.
11. If a club is dissolved, that club's funds will be returned to the school student body fund or general fund.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

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