

Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy

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Student Meetings/Demonstrations and Petitions

It is important to the orderly use of school facilities that the use of all space be planned in advance. Students, staff and administration are all responsible for the activities that are conducted in a school. The school is held accountable to a public, a board and a legislature that gives fiscal support; accountable for the image of the institution and accountable to each other.

Students shall be permitted to hold meetings or demonstrations on school property. Meetings or demonstrations are defined as small groups of persons gathering for a common cause or interest.

Students shall be permitted to hold assemblies on school property. Assemblies are defined as large groups of persons gathering for educational, entertaining or cultural purposes.

Responsibility:

1. All meetings or demonstrations and assemblies shall be scheduled in advance;
2. Normal class activities shall not be disrupted without permission;
3. Meetings or demonstrations or assemblies shall incite no hazard to person or property;
4. Meetings or demonstrations shall be sponsored by school officials or school organizations unless otherwise arranged in advance with the school administration;
5. Each school shall make known the procedure for meetings or demonstrations and assemblies and the officials responsible for planning them;
6. All speakers and performers invited from outside the school shall be cleared through the principal's office;
7. The decision of the principal or the delegated representative shall be basic in determining the appropriateness of any speaker or performers;
8. No speaker or performer who openly and knowingly advocates breaking the law or encourages immoral acts shall be invited to speak or perform;
9. If a large crowd (student or non-student) is anticipated, a crowd control plan shall be filed and approved in the principal's office well in advance of the assembly;
10. Every attempt shall be made to present a balance of viewpoints on controversial or partisan issues;

11. Student's conduct shall reflect consideration for the rights and privileges of others, which is required of citizens in a democracy. High personal standards of courtesy, decency, honesty and wholesome relationships with others shall be maintained. Students shall respect constituted authority and shall behave accordingly.

Petitions

Students may petition for a change in Board policies and school rules and procedures. Petitions must be reviewed by a building administrator prior to circulation on school grounds. The superintendent will forward petitions to the Board or building administrator, as appropriate.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

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Cross Reference(s):

[IB](#) - Freedom of Expression

[IGDA](#) - Student Organizations