

Dayton School District 8

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Student Organizations

The district encourages curriculum-related student organizations. District staff will facilitate such organizations and district resources may be used to support them. The district may also support student organizations which are not directly curriculum-related.

The building principal will develop general guidelines for student organizations. Among other provisions, such guidelines will require the assignment of at least one staff advisor to each student organization. Staff advisors for non-curricular voluntary student-organized clubs are non-paid voluntary positions.

Voluntary student-organized clubs which are not curriculum-related may meet on school premises during noninstructional time. If the content of such a club's meetings is religious in nature, school staff may attend only in a nonparticipatory manner. Staff may be assigned to attend such meetings for custodial purposes only, but will not be compelled to attend a meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to that person's beliefs.

Student organizations shall meet the following requirements:

1. Chartering

All organizations which carry out activities within the schools must obtain the approval of the building principal and be chartered according to building regulations.

2. Secret Societies

No secret societies of any kind, including a fraternity or sorority, shall be permitted in any public school.

3. Political Clubs

Political clubs related to political parties and/ or candidates having applied for placement on Oregon election ballots are authorized. Such clubs, established through the chartering process, are intended to provide students with opportunities to explore the political platforms and issues, particularly as they relate to the respective parties and/ or candidates, and to gain understanding of the institutions of politics and government.

4. Other Clubs

No church-sponsored club, nor clubs sponsored by adult service organizations which have secret rites, may be chartered.

5. Clubs Sponsored by Nationally Established or Adult Service Organizations

Charters will be granted providing youth service programs are compatible with goals of the school's club program. Each club shall be supervised by an adult approved by the building principal. The supervisor may be either a member of the school faculty or other responsible adult and shall be in attendance at the meeting.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.880](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

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Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074 (2006).

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Unified Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993).

Westside Cmty. Bd. of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

Cross Reference(s):

IB - Freedom of Expression