

Hermiston School District 8R

Code: **IGDA**
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Student Organizations Allows Limited Open Forum¹

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.

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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.880](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 4071-4074.

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free S.D., 508 U.S. 384 (1993).

Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).

¹A "limited open forum" exists when a public high school grants or offers the opportunity for one or more non-curriculum-related, voluntary student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.