

## **STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Student clubs and organizations are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skill. The greatest values to be derived from school clubs and organizations occur when such activities are a result of student, staff, and community involvement. The Board shall encourage and support student clubs and organizations that promote these objectives.

School clubs and activities will be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school, have a democratic plan for the selection of members, and establish aims which are educational, of school or community interest.

New school clubs and/or organizations must be approved in advance by the Building Principal. School clubs and organizations will be evaluated on an annual basis. The first year a club is requested by either a staff member or group of students, that group will be allowed to hold meetings and set up the working rules of the club or organization. A staff member serving as the club's advisor will not be provided a stipend during the first year of the club. However, if the organization has sufficient student interest – constant membership of at least seven (7) students; the staff member will receive the budgeted stipend listed on the co-curricular activity schedule starting on year two. If a school club or organization does not have sufficient student interest, such as either the lack of an advisor or student membership that is less than seven (7) students, the club shall be suspended for the year and the club advisor will not receive a stipend.

Student clubs that are not sponsored by school personnel will not be recognized by the District as school sponsored clubs. These clubs can still meet in the school building either before school, after school or during lunch with the permission of the building principal. The building principal will set forth appropriate meeting guidelines for these student clubs.

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