

STUDENT EXPRESSION
USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR NONSCHOOL PURPOSES

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A
LIMITED OPEN FORUM
- SECONDARY

For purposes of the Equal Access Act, the District has established a limited open forum on secondary school campuses for secondary school students enrolled in the District. Each District secondary school campus shall offer an opportunity for noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.

The District has not established a limited public forum for elementary school students to meet as noncurriculum-related student groups on school campuses during noninstructional time. [See GKD for community access]

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy:

1. "Noninstructional time" means time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.
2. "Noncurriculum-related student group" means any student group that does not directly relate to the body of courses offered by the school. A student group directly relates to the school's curriculum if it meets any of the following criteria:
 - a. The subject matter of the group is actually taught or will soon be taught in a regularly offered course.
 - b. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole.
 - c. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
 - d. Participation in the group results in academic credit.

REQUESTS BY
STUDENTS

To receive permission to meet on school campuses during noninstructional time, interested students shall file a written request with the campus principal on a form provided by the District. [See FNAB(EXHIBIT)]

The students making the request shall indicate that they have read and understand the policies and rules governing nonsponsored, noncurriculum-related student groups and that the group will abide by those rules.

The campus principal shall approve or reject the request within ten instructional days, subject to the availability of a suitable meeting space and without regard to the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech likely to be associated with the group's meetings.

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TERM OF APPROVAL	Approval to meet as a nonsponsored, noncurriculum-related group may be granted up to one school year at a time, subject to the provisions of this policy.
MEETINGS	The campus principal shall designate noninstructional time for meetings of nonsponsored, noncurriculum-related student groups and shall assign each approved group an appropriate location and time for meetings.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLICITY	All nonsponsored, noncurriculum-related student groups may publicize their meetings and activities, in accordance with guidelines developed by the campus principal. For distribution of nonschool materials, see FNAA.
STAFF PARTICIPATION PROHIBITED	School officials and employees shall not, directly or indirectly, endorse, sponsor, promote, lead, or participate in the meetings of noncurriculum-related student groups. The principal may assign a District employee to attend and monitor each student group meeting, as needed, and may establish reasonable written guidelines for the conduct of meetings to maintain order and discipline, protect the well-being of students and faculty, and ensure that student attendance is voluntary. No employee shall be required to monitor meetings at which the content of the speech would be objectionable to the employee.
VIOLATIONS	Failure of a student group to comply with applicable rules may result in loss of the right to meet on school campuses. The principal shall report rule violations to the Superintendent. In addition, students who violate applicable rules are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.
SUSPENSIONS	Depending upon the seriousness of any rule violations, the Superintendent may suspend a noncurriculum-related student group's right to meet on school campuses for the balance of the school year or some lesser time period. If a determination to suspend a group occurs during the last reporting period of the school year, the suspension may extend through the end of the first semester of the next school year.
APPEALS	Decisions made by the administration in accordance with this policy may be appealed in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).