

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

In general, public school facilities are devoted primarily to instructional programs and school-sponsored activities. Curriculum-related student organizations are an extension of the regular school program. Their function is to enhance the participants' educational experience and supplement course materials. The activities of these organizations should bear a clear relationship to the regular curriculum.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School students may also organize and conduct meetings of noncurriculum-related groups. If Maggie L. Walker Governor's School permits one or more noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time it will provide equal access to any student groups who wish to conduct a meeting without discrimination on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.

Noncurriculum-related student groups may use school facilities provided that

- the group's meetings are voluntary and student-initiated;
- the group is not officially sponsored by the school, the government, or any government agent or employee;
- agents or employees of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;
- meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities at the school; and
- persons not sanctioned by the school may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of the group.

Meetings of Student Organizations

The director or his/her designee will determine the times and places which are available for the meetings of student organizations. The director or his/her designee will also develop procedures for scheduling meetings of student organizations. Meeting times will be limited to non-instructional time.

Faculty Involvement

Curriculum-related student organizations must be sponsored and supervised by one or more school faculty members or approved adults and must be approved by the director or his/her designee. Faculty sponsors or approved adults will participate in the supervision and direction of all activities of the organization and will attend all meetings and activities.

Noncurriculum-related school sponsored student organizations must be supervised by one or more school faculty members, staff members, or approved adults and must be approved by the director or his/her designee. Faculty, staff, or approved sponsors will participate in the supervision and direction of all activities of the organization and will attend all meetings and

activities. No school employee will be compelled to attend a meeting of any student organization if the content of such meeting is contrary to the beliefs of that school employee.

Compliance with Law and Policy

Student organizations shall not engage in any activity which is contrary to law, school policy, or school rules; which disrupts or clearly threatens to disrupt the orderly operation of the school; or which would adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of any students or staff members. Failure to comply with these provisions shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

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