

Student Organizations (Secondary Schools)

Secondary schools in the district may encourage students to broaden their knowledge and citizenship by permitting the formation of clubs or other groups that relate to subject matter covered by the curriculum. Such organizations shall operate within the framework of state statutes, district policy, administrative rules and the parameters of the learning program.

Each building principal shall develop general guidelines for the establishment and operation of student organizations within the particular school. Among other provisions, such guidelines shall require the approval of the principal prior to the formation of any club or organization in a school and the assignment of at least one faculty adviser to each approved student organization.

All student organizations are required to open membership to all interested and/or eligible students. Fraternities, sororities and/or secret societies shall not receive recognition in any manner under this policy.

All forms of hazing shall be prohibited in a student organization. No initiation shall be held for a student organization which will be degrading to the student.

The faculty adviser must attend every meeting of the student organization whether conducted on school premises or at another location.

The principal is responsible for determining that the purpose of a student organization is related to the curriculum. In the event that the principal denies a group the right to organize and conduct meetings as a curriculum-related student organization, then students may seek permission to meet as a noncurricular student organization in accordance with district policy.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 4071 *et seq.* (*Equal Access Act*)
C.R.S. 22-1-117 (*secret fraternities forbidden*)
C.R.S. 22-1-118 (*board has power to enforce prohibition on secret fraternities*)

CROSS REF.: JJAB, Student Organizations - Open Forum