

Clubs; Societies; Fraternities

Membership in clubs, societies, fraternities or similar groups, may provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

To guide the professional staff and students in these groups, the following guidelines have been set forth by the board:

1. School Clubs and Societies will be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the school system, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority, of their meetings at school and during the regular school day, have an-approved plan for the selection of members, establish aims which are educational, of school interest, or community interest, and meet all those conditions hereinafter set forth for recognized school-sponsored organizations. The only insignia which may be worn by the students on campus or at school-sponsored events are the letter sweaters (boys and girls), championship jackets, and other pins or emblems approved by the principal.

2. Secret Societies: Membership in secret fraternities, sororities and clubs is prohibited. School members who participate in such clubs shall be subject to:

a. suspension by the principal, subject to the approval of the superintendent for at least five school days but not more that ten days; or expelled, subject to the approval of the board.

b. removal by the principal from school offices or teams for the remainder of the school year, subject to the approval of the superintendent.

c. removal by the principal from graduating class activities pending review of the case by the principal and superintendent.

3. Non-School Clubs: All other clubs of a non-secret nature, whose membership is composed for the most part of students from one school, that are sponsored by other than school, personnel, that meet outside school hours at places other than at school, and whose aims are other than educational, of school interest, or community interest, are considered to be non-school clubs and beyond the jurisdiction of school authorities.

Activities that are contrary to the best interests of the school and reflect on the reputation of the school include the following:

1. initiation and hazing on or off the school grounds or at school-

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2. conducting activities that conflict with school sponsored events or with the proper functioning of the regular school program

3. indulging in group functions that violate city, county or state laws

Non-school clubs desiring to become recognized school sponsored clubs must:

1. accept some democratic plan for the selection of members, all of whom must be currently enrolled in one school.

2. establish an aim or objective acceptable to the principal.

3. agree to hold the majority of their meetings at school during the school day.

4. obtain a sponsor from the school faculty who must attend all meetings held at the school during school hours, and must approve all meetings which he does not attend.

5. agree to abide by the rules of the school.

6. maintain a list of current members and officers with the principals.

7. be approved by the School Board through the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Principal.

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