

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Recognition of Curriculum Clubs and Non-Curriculum Clubs function to enhance the participants' educational experience and supplement the course materials within the educational program of the schools. The activities of these organizations should bear a clear relationship to the regular curriculum.

CURRICULAR CLUBS:

CRITERIA:

Curricular clubs are defined as clubs whose activities meet one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- The subject matter of the club is or will be taught as a primary topic in a regularly offered course;
- The subject matter relates to the District's composite courses of study;
- Participation is required for a particular course; or
- Participation results in academic credit.

Curricular club activities may be conducted on or off school premises under the supervision and guidance of a staff advisor.

Participation curriculum clubs cannot be denied on the basis of a student's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information or status with respect to marriage or public assistance or status in any group protected by federal, state or local law.

Membership in school-sponsored student organizations shall be voluntary and shall be open to and limited to all students currently enrolled in the school and home-schooled students living in the District. Membership shall be granted in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with the district's nondiscrimination policy; however, organizations may establish qualifications based on gender only where necessary to preserve the health, safety, or welfare of students, or where gender is a bona fide and integral qualification for the activities of the organization. These organizations may also establish academic qualifications for membership where necessarily related to the purposes of the organization.

Curriculum Clubs shall comply with the purchasing policy of the District and may not extend the credit of the District. Failure to comply with these provisions shall be grounds for revocation of recognition.

NON-CURRICULAR STUDENT CLUBS:

Non-Curricular student clubs are defined as clubs whose activities do not meet the criteria listed above for curricular clubs.

The Jamestown Public Schools allows non-curriculum students clubs to meet on school premises during non-instructional time. These clubs may use the name of the school when it is required or necessary to distinguish it from other such clubs in relation to competitions or other types of events. The use of the school name is not intended to show the club falls under the control, supervision, direction, guidance or sponsorship of the Jamestown Public Schools. Fiscal accounts of non-curriculum clubs are not controlled or accounted for by the District.

The Jamestown Public Schools allows non-curriculum student clubs to use District facilities for meetings in accordance with Rental of School Facilities Policy (ABBB)

CRITERIA:

- The proposed club is initiated by students;
- Attendance at meetings is voluntary;
- No agent or employee of the District will attend meetings (except those assigned to attend in a custodial capacity), or participate in club meetings or activities during their normal working hours, or during the hours s/he is functioning as a staff member.
 - a) The school principal may assign a staff member to attend and supervise a non-curriculum student club in a custodial capacity as necessary.
 - b) District employees or agents of the District may participate in non-curriculum student clubs, but may only do so before or after their normal working hours. At no time shall District employees or agents represent, either expressly or impliedly, that the non-curricular club is sponsored by the Jamestown Public Schools. If a district employee or agent attends a non-curriculum club meeting during non-working hours, the employee or agent may not act as the custodial supervisor for the club. In such cases the Principal shall assign another staff member to act as the custodial supervisor during meeting or activities on campus.

OPERATING GUIDELINES:

- Meetings may not materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of instructional activities in the school.
- Activities or conduct that are illegal or pose a risk of harm to persons or property are expressly prohibited and will result in a denial of access to school district facilities.
- The principal may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.
- Schools retain the right to exclude groups that are directed, conducted, controlled, or regularly attended by non-school persons.
- Non-curricular clubs may advertise meetings and activities in the following ways;
 - a) Posters: Non-curricular students clubs will be allowed post meeting notifications on the

- academic floor and office bulletin board with prior approval from the principal that may include the name of the club and the time, date, and location of club meetings on a poster no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" (text only, no picture or illustrations)/ Posters shall be given to the building principal or designee for posting.
- b) Daily Announcements: Non-curricular student clubs will be allowed to announce dates and times of club meetings three(3) items within a week before the next meeting.
 - c) Distribution of Materials: Non-curriculum student clubs will be allowed to distribute materials only at their meetings to students who are in attendance.
 - d) School sponsored Social Media: Each school shall maintain and post on the building's website a list of curriculum and non-curriculum clubs.

CLUB RULES:

An approved non-curriculum club meeting on school premises shall be provided the same rights and access and shall be subject to the same administrative procedures that govern the meetings of student organizations sponsored by Jamestown Public Schools, except as provided by this policy.

Participation in a student-initiated non-curriculum club must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of a student's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information, or status with respect to marriage or public assistance, or status in any group protected by federal, state or local law.

The Jamestown Public Schools will not permit the use of school facilities by non-curriculum students clubs during instructional hours. During non-instructional time, however, no group of students, regardless of the size of the group, will be denied an opportunity to meet on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the activity.

Non-curriculum club fiscal accounts are not controlled or accounted for by the District.

Staff members acting in a custodial supervisory role shall not participate in the activity, but may be compensated for their time. No instructional staff member shall be assigned to supervise a non-curriculum club if such assignment is contrary to his/her beliefs. For the purposes of this policy, "custodial capacity" means the assigned staff member is present to protect District property, during student-initiated non-curriculum club meetings. Custodial supervision shall only be provided for meetings on District-owned property. The

District is not responsible for custodial supervision when the activities of a non-curriculum club takes place off school property.

PRINCIPAL DETERMINATION:

Each School will provide an application form for club formation. The school principal will review each request to establish a club. After review, the principal shall designate the club as either “curricular or “non-curricular”.

Activities regulated by NDHSAA together with intramural activities are not subject to this policy.

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