

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The philosophy of the School District of New Berlin is such that co-curricular activities and athletics are considered a regular part of the school's program of education, which provides experiences that will help boys and girls intellectually, physically and emotionally.

The School District believes that participation in co-curricular activities and athletics can be a facilitative element of the student's overall educational experience. This is considered to be educationally and psychologically sound, because of the training co-curricular activities and athletics may offer for living in a competitive society.

The District encourages students to participate in activities which supplement and enrich their school experience. Students have access to both Curriculum-Related Student Groups and Noncurriculum-Related Student Groups, as defined below. Students who wish to form a new student group should complete the Application attached as Addendum 1 to this Policy and submit it to their building Principal for consideration.

Curriculum-Related Student Groups

Curriculum-Related Student Groups are those student groups that: (1) are related to a subject taught in a regularly offered course, (2) are related to the District's course offerings as a whole, (3) are required for a particular course, or (4) result in academic credit.

Student Groups must apply for initial recognition and annual renewal in accordance with established procedure.

Curriculum-Related Student Groups may be permitted to use District facilities for any purpose that is directly related to an educational program, will be permitted to advertise events within District facilities by posting flyers (as permitted by building rules), using the District's public address system, scrolling announcements and other media, and by other methods approved in advance. Curriculum-Related Student Groups will have a District-appointed advisor.

The District will establish a Student Activity account for recording financial transactions, as required. These funds shall be held in accordance with established procedure and may be expended only upon the authorization of the student members and their faculty sponsors for purposes in keeping with the established goals of the organization.

Use by Curriculum-Related Student Groups of District facilities shall be in conformance with Board Policy 1330, Public Use of School Facilities and established procedures

Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups

A student group is a Non-curriculum-Related Student Group if the following are true:

- The group is comprised solely of District students.
- The subject matter of the group is not actually taught, or will not soon be taught, as a regularly offered course of the school.
- The subject matter of the group does not concern the body of courses as a whole.
- Participation in the group is not required for a particular course.
- Participation in the group does not result in academic credit.
- The group is not directed, controlled, conducted, or regularly attended by non-school persons.
- The group completes the required application form for inclusion in this category.

New Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups must apply for initial recognition and annual renewal in accordance with established procedure “.

Non-curriculum-related Student Groups may not be sponsored by the school, the District or its agents or employees. Any District employees who supervise or sponsor Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups do so voluntarily, on their own time, and not in their capacity as a District employee. Meetings of Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups must be student-initiated and voluntary.

Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups may be permitted to use District facilities for any purpose that does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school. The District retains the right to deny access to District facilities to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the wellbeing of District students and faculty, and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups may be allowed to use District facilities during non-instructional time with permission of the Superintendent or designee and when such use does not interfere with the use of the facilities for school purposes including Curriculum-Related Student Groups or School-Related Activity Groups. Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups will be permitted to post notices on a designated public bulletin board but will not be entitled to use the District's other public address system and announcement media. Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups will not have access to the Student Activities Fund.

Non-curriculum-Related Student Groups may be allowed to use District facilities and grounds free of charge during normal working hours. Activities after these hours may be assessed direct costs in accordance with Board Policy 1330, Public Use of School Facilities and established procedure.

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