

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2  
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
LIMITED OPEN FORUM-EQUAL ACCESS (REGULATION)**

**Forming Clubs**

All clubs should provide the building principal or designee with the following information prior to the start of student participation: name; specific purpose of the club; intended outcomes for students; membership requirements; activities of the club; information about budget and fundraising activities anticipated; proposed meeting dates and times; and assurance that the club will adhere to school policies and student conduct rules and to the laws of the United States and the State of South Dakota. The principal or designee will respond in writing to the request within ten (10) school days of receipt of the request, accepting or rejecting the application and designating the club as either a sponsored club or a non-sponsored club. Students may appeal the denial of club recognition or classification as sponsored or non-sponsored to the Superintendent within ten (10) school days of notification by the principal or designee or to the School Board within ten (10) school days of notification by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

**Meetings/Notices**

All clubs may publish their meeting notices in the school's established written or verbal daily announcements. The content and placement of posters of notice of student initiated meetings or club activities must be approved by the principal or designee prior to being posted. Materials to be distributed must be submitted for approval to the building principal prior to the intended date of distribution.

Student initiated meetings will be allowed to take place on school premises during non-instructional time, and shall be scheduled with a building principal a minimum of five (5) school days prior to the meeting date. The time and place of all club meetings shall be subject to available space, whether the scheduling conflicts with school activities and programs, and the availability of the faculty sponsor or the monitor assigned to the club.

The principal or designee may not deny access based upon viewpoint discrimination.

A club's failure to comply with any of the following provisions shall be grounds for revocation of the right of the club to meet on school premises:

- Promulgates any theory or doctrine subversive to the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof advocating governmental change by violence;
- Engages in or promotes violence, hate, or illegal acts, or activities injurious to the buildings, grounds or equipment;
- Engages in activities which are discriminatory in the legal sense;
- Refuses or fails to comply with school policies;

and/or

- Materially and substantially interferes with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
- Engages in activities or conducts meetings which are or will be in violation of any law or ordinance.

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**For non-sponsored clubs, the following guidelines will apply:**

The formation of non-sponsored clubs will be student initiated.

The principal or designee may appoint a monitor for the club who is an employee of the District. The monitor who serves in a non-participatory capacity will be responsible for monitoring the meetings to assure that attendance at the meetings is voluntary, to assure that the meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school, and to assure that order and discipline are maintained.

The principal or designee will not compel any District employee to be a monitor for a non-sponsored club.

Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend meetings and activities of any non-sponsored club unless specifically directed by the building principal. Non-school persons may be permitted to meet with or speak to a club on school premises, up to twice a semester, subject to prior approval by the principal or designee.

The District shall not be identified or associated with goals, objectives, activities, or opinions of any non-sponsored club or its members.

All posters for activities of non-sponsored clubs must contain the following disclaimer:

The Winner School District neither endorses nor sponsors this student initiated club. This student initiated club is permitted access to District facilities, benefits and services pursuant to law including the Equal Access Act and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act and in accordance with School Board Policy 7.46 (Student Organizations).