

Instruction

ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

Student organizations have an important place in the educational program. When properly organized and operated, they:

1. Extend and reinforce the instructional program.
2. Give students practice in democratic self-government.
3. Build student morale and positive support for the school.
4. Honor outstanding student achievement.
5. Provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

Any group of students may be recognized by the district as authorized school organizations if they are organized at the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school, have a democratic plan for the selection of members and are approved by the Assistant Superintendent for School Administration. Organizational activities shall not conflict with the authority and responsibilities of school officials.

Membership in secret fraternities, sororities, and clubs is prohibited.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitations of Funds)
(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52 Designation of secondary schools
53 Designation of high schools
200-262.3 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
32050-32052 Hazing
48930-48938 Student organizations
48950 Freedom of speech
49020 Athletic programs: Legislative intent
49021 Equal opportunity for male and female students
49022 Apportionment of funds for male and female students
49023 Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

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Legal Reference continued:

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

2 Definitions

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

PENAL CODE

627-627.10 Access to school facilities

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 The Equal Access Act

7904 School prayer

7905 Boy Scouts equal access

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

20101-240112 Patriotic organizations

COURT DECISIONS

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Good News Club et al. v. Milford Central School, (2001) 121 S.Ct. 2093

Ceniceros v. Board of Trustees of the San Diego Unified School, (1995) 66 F. 3d 1535

Board of Education of Westside Community School District v. Mergens By and Through Mergens, (1989, 8th Cir.) 867 F.2d 1076, affd. (1990) 496 U.S. 226

Perumal et al. v. Saddleback Valley Unified School District, (1988) 198 Cal. App 3d 64

Student Coalition for Peace v. Lower Merion School District Board of Directors, (1985) 776 F.2d. 431

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Management Resources:

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Religious Expression in Public Schools: Statement of Principles, Richard W. Riley, 1999, rev. 1999

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