

STUDENTSPupil NondiscriminationEqual Access of Non-Curriculum-Related Student Groups

The right of student groups to meet on school property is addressed in the Federal Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. sections 4071-4074). Schools to which the act applies may not deny access to school facilities to student groups on the basis of religious, political or philosophical content of the speech at such groups' meetings.

Students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 are permitted to conduct group meetings on school premises during non-instructional time. The following standards shall be uniformly required by the principal of all requesting student groups:

- The meeting is voluntary and student initiated.
- The meeting is not sponsored by the school or employees of the school.
- School employees present at any religious meetings do so in a non-participatory capacity while representing the school in their official capacity as a teacher/staff member.
- The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
- Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend these activities of student groups.
- The meeting is for non-curriculum-related activities.

According to the administrative rule implementing this policy:

- Only full-time students may apply, in writing, to the principal for a use of school facility. All non-curriculum student groups must have activities, fund raisers and/or social events approved by the principal in advance.
- The requesting students must show evidence that adequate adult supervision from a D. C. Everest School District employee will be present and will be provided by the requesting students.
- The location of the meeting will be determined by the administration.
- The group will be permitted limited meeting announcements on the students' bulletin board or public address system, and all announcements must be approved by the administration.
- The group will be expected to leave the room in an orderly arrangement.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Federal Equal Access Act
 118.13 Wisconsin Statute
 PI 9 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code
 Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972
 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
 Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
 Civil Rights Act of 1991

CROSS REF:

Pupil Nondiscrimination
 Pupil Harassment Rule
 Pupil Discrimination Complaint Procedures
 Special Education Policy

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