

## **Section 8000 – Students**

8710 School-Sponsored Student Clubs (Closed Forum)

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All school-sponsored student organizations shall be curriculum related. Only students actually enrolled in and attending the Grand Rapids Public Schools may participate in any school-sponsored student clubs, co-curricular events, or extra curricular offerings of the District. Consequently, the Board establishes a closed forum regarding school-sponsored organizations and clubs. By way of limited example, a “school-sponsored, curriculum related student club or organization” would be those such as: Foreign language clubs; Astronomy Club, Math Club, American History Club, American Literature Club, Student Council, or the like.

Membership in all student organizations shall be open to all students of the school without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, height, weight, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, disability or veteran status. All school-sponsored student organizations shall operate within a framework of state and federal law, Board policy and administrative rules and regulations. Persons who are not students in this District shall not be allowed membership in any school-sponsored student organization.

The Superintendent shall develop general guidelines for the establishment and operation of school-sponsored student organizations. Such guidelines shall include the approval of the building Principal prior to the formation of any club or organization, the assignment of at least one faculty advisor to each student organization, and provisions for the establishment of bylaws or operating procedures which provide a linkage to the curriculum relatedness of the organization.

The building Principal may deny requests for forming a school-sponsored student organization where the requirements of Board policy and administrative rules and regulations have not been met. When a request has been denied, the students shall be informed of the reasons for the denial.

The students may submit a written request to the Superintendent within ten days of the notice of denial for a review of the Principal’s decision. The Superintendent’s decision shall be final.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1299; 20 USCA §4071, *et seq.* (Equal Access Act)