

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Terrebonne Parish School Board, recognizing the importance of worthwhile organizations in the school, encourages all students to participate in student organizations and club activities. Students shall have the right to form organizations within the school for cultural, social, athletic, and other authorized purposes which will enrich and extend their education. Such groups shall follow administrative regulations and procedures developed and maintained by the Superintendent and staff governing the creation and operation of student organizations and clubs in accordance with School Board policy.

Student organizations or clubs shall not deny membership to any student because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or disability.

Principals shall be responsible for approving or authorizing any student activity and/or organization and shall also be responsible for the operation and oversight of all student activities or organizations to assure compliance with administrative regulations.

EQUAL ACCESS

As provided by the Federal *Equal Access Act*, any school which allows non-curriculum related groups access to school facilities during non-instructional time must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Equal access will not be denied on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of such meetings or organizations;
2. The meetings are voluntary and student-initiated;
3. There is no sponsorship of the meetings by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;
4. Employees or agents of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity;

5. The meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
6. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups; and
7. If access is given to school media such as bulletin boards, newspapers, or public address systems, it must be given to all non-curriculum related clubs on an equal basis.

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Ref: 20 U.S.C. 4071-4074; 20 U.S.C. 7905; La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:81, 17:2091; Board minutes, 7-20-99, 7-15-03.