

Instruction

Student Organizations/Equal Access

Only those student organizations approved by the administration, and to which membership is open to the entire student body, are authorized by the Board of Education to function on school property, school transportation, or in school-related activities.

The Board of Education prohibits the presence or activities on school property, school transportation, or at school-related activities of secret societies or other organizations which restrict membership, such as fraternities and sororities. Such restrictive groups have no legitimate place in public education.

No student will be allowed to display or wear any insignia of such an organization or to engage in any activities relating to membership in such an organization while on school property, school transportation or participating in school-related activities.

Any student who violates the provisions of this policy will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school.

The administration is directed to establish regulations to enforce the provisions of this policy. These regulations will not deny equal access to secondary school facilities during non-instructional time to any students who wish to meet when the reason for the denial is the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech of such meeting.

Legal Reference: *Westside Community Board of Education v. Mergens*

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §4071 et. seq.

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Procedures for Organizing Co-curricular Program

The procedure for organizing a Co-curricular Program at Hamden High School is as follows:

1. Obtain the attached request form from an administrator.
2. Fully complete the request form.
3. Obtain a faculty advisor.
4. Submit the request for administrative approval.

HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Name of Club or Activity _____

Faculty Advisor _____ Application Date _____

Nature of Club or Activity _____

Membership Requirements _____

Open to: Gr. 9 _____ (Please Check)

Gr. 10 _____

Gr. 11 _____

Gr. 12 _____

Advisor's Signature

For Office Use:

Approved _____

Denied _____

Reason for denial _____

Date _____ Approving Official _____