

Policy 1331 – Equal Access to Secondary School Facilities

In accordance with federal legislation related to limited open forums, non-curriculum related student groups may, with the written permission of the principal or the principal's designee, meet on the school premises at such times and places determined by the principal or the principal's designee, subject to the following:

1. The meeting will be held during non-instructional time.
2. Facilities are available to accommodate the meeting without interfering with other school activities.
3. The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated.
4. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school district or its employees or by any other governmental body or its employees.
5. Employees of the school district shall be present only in a non-participating capacity.
6. The meeting will not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the School.
7. Persons who are not regularly enrolled students or employees of the district in the Cozad Community Schools will not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend meetings held on the School premises.

For purposes of this policy:

1. "Limited open forum" means: the opportunity, in middle and senior high schools, for non-curriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during the school day.
2. "Curriculum related student groups" means: any group sponsored by the district or by the individual school or to which the principal assigns a staff member as sponsor on either a pay or non-pay basis. A curriculum related student group shall not include any student group which has a religious or political affiliation or purpose.
3. "Non-curriculum related student groups" shall mean: any student group which is not a curriculum related student group such as the Boy Scouts.

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