



All members of the Bend-La Pine Schools community including employees and the Board of Directors are responsible for the activities that are conducted in district facilities. It is important, therefore, to the orderly use of district facilities that the use of all space be approved and planned in advance. An attempt shall be made to present a balance of viewpoints.

Students may be permitted to hold meetings on district property during non-instructional time under the following conditions.

The meeting shall be scheduled in advance following Board "Use of School Building and Facilities" policies.

1. The site administrator or designee must approve all meetings.
2. District officials may sponsor the meeting, official co-curricular school club, or organizations and non-school organizations.

In addition to the rules and regulations of "Use of School Building and Facilities," the following restrictions shall apply:

1. Normal class activities shall not be interrupted.
2. The meeting shall not incite hazard to person or property.
3. No group, which encourages or advocates the violation of federal laws, state laws or district policies and regulations shall be granted use of district facilities.

No speaker who encourages or advocates breaking the law shall be invited to speak.

If a crowd is anticipated, a safety plan shall be filed with the site supervisor two days in advance of the meeting for final approval.

Students may have the right to gather informally during the regular student school day, provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Students gathered informally shall not disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process;
2. Students gathered informally shall not infringe upon the rights of others to pursue their activities.

Student organizations may be curriculum related or voluntary student initiated clubs that are not curriculum related.

1. "Co-curricular" student organizations must meet one of the following;
  - a. Group's subject matter is actually taught (or will soon be taught) in a regularly offered course;
  - b. Group's subject matter concerns the body of courses as a whole; or
  - c. Participation in the group is required for a particular course or results in academic credit.
2. Voluntary student initiated clubs must:
  - a. Be voluntary and student initiated;
  - b. Not be sponsored by the school, the government or its agents or employees;
  - c. Not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
  - d. Not be directed, controlled, conducted or regularly attended by "non-school" persons (i.e., visitors, volunteers, and community members).
3. Definitions:
  - a. "Non-instructional time" - time refers to any time that is not specifically dedicated to instruction, such as lunch breaks, recess, and before and after school.

- b. "Sponsorship" - act of promoting, leading or participating in a meeting. The assignment of a teacher, administrator or other district employee to a meeting for custodial purposes does not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.

Equal Access Act preserves the authority of the district, its agents and employees to maintain order and discipline on district premises, to protect the well being of students and faculty, and to assure that their attendance at meetings is voluntary.

The district may prohibit meetings, which would materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the district.

In an "open forum" situation, the district may not deny equal access of fair opportunity to, or discriminate against student initiated clubs on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech at such meetings.

If the meetings are religious, the district may not influence the form of any religious activity.

END OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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