

Student Organizations

School-sponsored student organizations must be organized at the school, have a certificated advisor, be composed entirely of current student body members and be approved by the Superintendent of Schools or designee in accordance with Board of Education policy. They shall hold the majority of their meetings at school and have a democratic plan for the selection of officers. Organization activities shall not conflict with the authority and responsibilities of school officials.

The principal or designee shall direct any group of students seeking recognition as a student organization to submit a Humboldt County Office of Education-approved application form which includes the following information:

1. Name of the organization and names of student contacts
2. A statement of the organization's purposes, objectives and activities
3. Name of staff sponsor, and a description of the function of staff adviser in the promotion, supervision and leadership of the group. The principal shall have final authority in determining the assignment and role of the staff adviser.
4. The proposed dates, times, and location of meetings
5. Any special equipment to be used
6. A description of the qualifications for membership, if any
7. A statement of the relation of the organization to the curriculum and/or instructional program

The principal or designee shall establish school rules governing the meetings of curriculum-related groups. Such rules may vary depending on the circumstances that apply, such as whether or not academic credit is given for participation in the group.

Closed Forum

In order to maintain a closed forum at Humboldt County Office of Education schools, all student groups must relate to the curriculum by falling under one of the following categories (*U.S. Supreme Court decision in Board of Education of Westside Community Schools v. Mergens*):

INSTRUCTION

Administrative Regulation 6145.5(b)

1. The subject matter of the group is currently taught or will soon be taught in a regularly scheduled course.
2. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole (e.g., student government).
3. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
4. Participation in the group results in academic credit.

Groups not sponsored by the school may use school facilities only as allowed under the Civic Center Act.

Hazing

No student shall conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student. Persons violating this regulation shall be subject to school discipline and penalties specified in law. (Education Code 32051)