## **Student Organizations**

The Board of Education believes that curriculum-related student organizations reinforce the instructional program and give students practice in democratic self-government. Student organizations also promote student achievement and leadership and enhance school spirit and students' sense of belonging.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish criteria and a process for Humboldt County Office of Education school sponsorship of student organizations.

## **Closed Forum**

Only student-initiated groups which relate directly to the curriculum shall be eligible for school sponsorship and allowed to meet on school premises.

All such sponsored groups shall have equal access to the school media, such as the school newsletter or the school bulletin board, to announce meetings.

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Legal Reference:
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EDUCATION CODE

52 Designation of secondary schools

53 Designation of high schools

200-262.3 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex especially:

221.5 Equal opportunity without regard to sex

221.7 School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination

32050-32051 Hazing

48930-48938 Student organizations

48950 Freedom of speech

49020 Athletic programs: Legislative intent

49021 Equal opportunity for male and female students

49022 Apportionment of funds for male and female students

49023 Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination

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2 Definitions

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PENAL CODE

627-627.10 Access to school premises

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4071 - 4074 The Equal Access Act

**COURT DECISIONS** 

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