

# Policy 4540

# Student Organizations


Student Groups



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# Definition of School Groups

Student Non-curricular groups: Not directly related to the curriculum and which are initiated by students enrolled in the school. Student Non-curricular GROUPS are not sponsored or supported by the school or district but are recognized for purposes of granting a place within the particular school to meet during non-instructional time. Student Non-curricular GROUPS shall have a minimum of three members. A certified employee monitors all meetings held on school premises but does not participate in any activity or discussion of the GROUP.




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## So what does that mean?

1. If approved, students who wish to participate in the group will have a parent/guardian sign a permission slip.
  2. The group may begin meeting during non-instructional hours (before/after school)
  3. Groups may advertise their group on the community/school group board in the school. All advertisements must be approved through group monitor.
  4. Schools will not provide funding for non-curricular groups. However, groups can receive funds/resources from community organizations.
  5. School groups will need to fill out a group charter every year.
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# Group Meetings

1. All group meetings must be held during non-instructional time (before/after school)
  2. Group meetings must be led by students in the group.
  3. Groups shall not “engage in or conduct group therapy, counseling or other psychological services of the type provided by licensed professionals.”
  4. Group meetings may not be used to develop demonstrations, protests, or other activities that may lead to a school-wide disruption.
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# Group Activities


1. Group activities MAY NOT be planned by the group's monitor.
  2. Group activities are developed by students.
  3. Activities may be developed during group meetings
    - a. E.g. The Bowling Group may make arrangements to go bowling after school hours together. Parents would be responsible for transporting their student to and from the bowling alley.
    - b. E.g. The GSA Group may want to go to the pride parade as a group. They would make arrangements to do that during their meeting and then meet at the parade.
    - c. E.g. The Hiking Group may meet at the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to hike together after school.
    - d. E.g. The Chess Group will plan a tournament to be held during their meeting time.
  4. Group monitors are not required to attend activities that take place off campus.
  5. Group activities that take place on school grounds must be approved by the group's monitor and school administration.
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# So let's talk about what we CAN do!

The goal is to meet and have positive activities you can do together.

Choose a meeting day to:

- a. Host a board game day
- b. Host a service project
  - i. School yard clean up
  - ii. Can food drive support
- c. Host a lunch time activity
- d. Host a homework help day
- e. Plan a trip to the nature center after school hours
- f. Plan a trip to a community center to complete a service project

- ✓ All activities must be approved by the group monitor.
  - ✓ If the activities are planned to happen at school, they are approved by the monitor and administration.
  - ✓ If the activities are planned to happen off school property, they are approved by the monitor and your parent/guardian.
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# Questions?

Talk to your Group's Monitor!  
Talk to your School Administrator!  
They are here to help make your group a  
great experience!

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