Policies and Regulations

Students

Limited Open Forum

The School Board regards student clubs and organizations as an important part of the education and development of students. This policy is adopted pursuant to the Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071-4074 and MCL 380.1299.

As used in this policy:

(a) “School” shall mean the middle schools and high school of the Adrian public Schools.

(b) “Club” shall mean a sponsored club or a non-sponsored club of any students of the school who wish to participate, and wish to organize and meet for common goals, or purposes but does not include school activities.

(c) “Sponsored club” shall mean a club that is directly under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the school. The goals and activities of all sponsored clubs shall be aligned with the mission of the school and the School District. Sponsored clubs shall be sponsored by a member of the staff or administration of the school. The school shall not sponsor clubs which advocate particular religious or political beliefs, or beliefs which tend to create a material and substantial disruption of the educational environment.

(d) “Non-sponsored club” shall mean a student-initiated club that is not under the sponsorship, direction, or control of the school, except as provided in this policy. The school and the School District shall not be identified or associated with the goals, objectives, beliefs, or opinions of any non-sponsored club or its members. The school shall assign a monitor for each non-sponsored club when meeting on school premises.
Adrian Public Schools shall provide equal access and a fair opportunity to all sponsored and non-sponsored clubs to meet on school premises during the times established for such meetings. All sponsored and non-sponsored clubs shall have the same right of access to the school media to publicize their meetings. The Adrian Public Schools shall not discriminate against any club on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of speech at the meetings of such clubs.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement this policy by establishing written regulations for sponsored and non-sponsored clubs. The regulations shall comply with the Equal Access Act.
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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The following regulations shall be observed in approving, establishing, and operating clubs in the Adrian Public Schools:

1. Each new club must complete and submit a request form to the principal or designee stating the name, specific purpose of the club, membership requirements, activities of the club, information about budget and fundraising activities, and meeting dates and times. The principal or designee will respond in writing to the request, accepting or rejecting the application and designating the club as either a sponsored club or a non-sponsored club.

2. Student participation in club activities and attendance at club meetings will be voluntary and will be limited to those individuals who are currently enrolled as students in Adrian Public Schools.

3. Clubs will be allowed to meet on school premises on days when school is in session. The time and place of all club meetings shall be subject to available space, potential scheduling conflicts with school activities and programs, and availability of the faculty sponsor or the monitor assigned to the club. Clubs will be allowed to meet on school premises during other times only in extraordinary or exceptional circumstances, as may be determined by the principal or designee at his or her sole discretion.

4. All clubs may publish their meeting notices in the school daily announcements.

5. No hazing of students will be permitted.

6. The principal or designee may deny the opportunity of any club to meet on school premises and may deny permission of any non-school person to meet with or speak to a club on school premises, when there exists a substantial likelihood of material and substantial interference with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school or if the meeting or any expected activities of the club at the meeting are or will be in violation of any law or ordinance.
7. The principal or designee may temporarily or permanently terminate the opportunity of any club to meet on school premises in the future if the club has materially and substantially interfered with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school, if the activities of the club have violated any law or ordinance, if the club or any of its members have abused school property, or if the club has violated any provision of this policy.

For sponsored clubs, the following guidelines will apply:

1. Each sponsored club will have a faculty member or administrator appointed as the sponsor. The sponsorship will be approved by the principal or designee.

2. All activities of the club must have prior approval of the sponsor.

3. Club funds will be subject to deposit, audit, and disbursement in accordance with the regulations of the administration and the school's trust and agency account.

4. A list of sponsored clubs will be published in the school handbook.

5. The content and placement of posters and other club literature will be subject to the approval of the club sponsor.

For non-sponsored clubs, the following guidelines will apply:

1. The formation of non-sponsored clubs will be student-initiated.

2. The principal or designee shall appoint a monitor for the club who is an employee of the district. If a school district employee is not available, the principal may approve a non-school person as monitor. The monitor, who serves in a non-participatory capacity, will be responsible for monitoring the meetings to assure that attendance at the meetings is voluntary, that the meetings do not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school, and that order and discipline are maintained.

3. The principal or designee will not compel any school employee to be a monitor for a non-sponsored club if the content of the speech at any meeting of the club is contrary to the beliefs of the employee.

4. Posters and other club literature must include a disclaimer which states that neither the school nor the Adrian Public Schools are identified or associated with the goals, objectives, activities, beliefs, or opinions of the club.
5. The content and placement of posters and other literature are subject to the approval of the principal or designee.

6. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend meetings and activities of any non-sponsored club unless specifically directed by the school principal. Non-school persons may be permitted to meet with or speak to a club on school premises, up to twice a semester, subject to prior approval by the principal or designee.

7. No fraternity, sorority, or secret society shall be established in the Adrian Public Schools, pursuant to Michigan School Code, Section 1316 (1).

8. Neither the School District nor the school shall be identified or associated with the goals, objectives, activities, or opinions of any non-sponsored club or its members. School facilities may not be used by non-sponsored clubs to raise money.

Also See Policy and Regulations KG and KG-R: "Community Use of School Facilities"