

STUDENTS: ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATIONS:

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF CLUBS

- A. EACH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WILL DETERMINE THE DESIGNATED LIMITED OPEN FORUM TIME TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO STUDENT GROUPS WISHING TO MEET. OPEN FORUM IS DEFINED AS THE LUNCH PERIOD OR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

- B. THE PRINCIPAL MUST APPROVE STUDENT GROUPS' USE OF FACILITIES TO CONDUCT A MEETING DURING THE OPEN FORUM PROVIDED THAT:
 - 1. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE OPEN FORUM;

 - 2. THE MEETING IS VOLUNTARY AND STUDENT INITIATED. THE PRINCIPAL MUST BE ASSURED THAT STUDENTS ARE THE ONES PROMOTING THE ACTIVITIES AND THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING OF THEIR OWN VOLITION. ONLY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL MAY REQUEST THE MEETING;

 - 3. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES DO NOT PROMOTE, LEAD, OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS. PRINCIPALS SHALL ASSIGN SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE THE MEETINGS. THIS ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP BY THE DISTRICT;

 - 4. THE PRESENCE OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR SYSTEM EMPLOYEES OR DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT ANY STUDENT RELIGIOUS MEETING IS NON-PARTICIPATORY IN NATURE AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP. THE PRESENCE OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPERVISION ONLY;

 - 5. THE MEETING DOES NOT IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE CONDUCT OF REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS. SINCE THE EDUCATION OF THE STUDENTS IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL, ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE SECONDARY. THE SCHOOL MAY DENY

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FACILITY USAGE TO STUDENTS ON THE BASIS THAT THE
ACTIVITY OR MEETING INTERFERES WITH THE
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM;

6. A STUDENTS' MEETING IS NOT CONTROLLED, CONDUCTED,
OR DIRECTED BY PERSONS OR GROUPS NOT AFFILIATED WITH
THE SCHOOLS. VISITORS TO THE MEETING MUST BE
APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL. CLEARANCE FOR
ATTENDANCE MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
VISITORS MAY NOT ATTEND STUDENTS' MEETINGS ON A
REGULAR BASIS; AND
7. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WITHOUT REGARD
TO RACE, GENDER, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. §4071
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION
ARTICLE §7-108
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ADOPTED: _____

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS