



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Equal Access

1. Schools shall be deemed to offer a fair opportunity to students who wish to conduct a meeting within the provisions of the Equal Access Law if each school provides that:
 - (a) The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
 - (b) There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school or by district employees;
 - (c) Employees of the district are present at meetings only in a non-participatory capacity;
 - (d) The meeting does not interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
 - (e) Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or attend activities of student groups.

2. Nothing in these regulations is intended to:
 - (a) Influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity;
 - (b) Require any person, student, or employee to participate in any activities covered by these regulations;
 - (c) Authorize any expenditures from district or student body funds beyond the incidental cost of providing space for such student-initiated meetings;
 - (d) Limit the rights of groups of students which are not of a specified numerical size;
 - (e) Limit the authority of school administrators to maintain order and discipline on school premises, and to insure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary;
 - (f) Sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful;
 - (g) Abridge the constitutional rights of any person.

3. Site-Level Administration

- (a) Meetings under these regulations shall take place only before or after the instructional day, or during the lunch period.
- (b) The principal or his designee shall determine which rooms are to be made available.
- (c) Requests for the use of rooms will be honored only when received from students who are enrolled as regular students at the time of application, and shall apply to the school of attendance only.
- (d) Applications for use of rooms shall follow the established procedure at the individual high school.
- (e) Nothing in these regulations prohibits the rights of the principal to assign a teacher, administrator, or other employee to a meeting for "custodial" purposes. Such assignment does not imply sponsorship of the meeting.

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