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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations generally will be encouraged when they meet the simple criterion of contributing to learning rather than detracting from it. Such organizations will operate within the framework of the law, Board policy, administrative rules, and the parameters of the learning program. When such organizations are truly contributive, their establishment and operation may be facilitated in reasonable ways by district staff and through use of district resources.

The administration will develop general guidelines for student organizations. Among other provisions, such guidelines will require the assignment of at least one faculty advisor to each student organization and the approval by the Board of any student organization that requires the expenditure of budgeted funds or that may engage in activities of a divisive or controversial nature.

This policy applies to on-campus organizations only. It is not intended to restrict the organization of students into groups which function apart from the school.

Student organizations seeking district recognition must meet the following requirements:

1. Develop a comprehensive proposal and receive the advisor's and principal's approval.
2. If any costs are to be requested, the proposal will include a comprehensive budget that covers any and all costs for the organization/club.
3. Identify an advisor nominated by the principal and approved by the Superintendent.
4. Abide by the Student Organization policy and the pertinent school and district policies, including the fund raising policy.
5. Present jointly (with the principal or advisor) the club's

comprehensive proposal to the Educational Policy and Program Committee preceding the implementation of the club.

Note: Student organizations may be required to provide evidence of additional comprehensive, general liability insurance coverage for on and off campus events at the request of the Superintendent.

District Responsibilities:

1. School administration will provide ongoing oversight and necessary support to the club.
2. The high school will award appropriate club recognition annually to each participant.
3. An annual review of the club's status by school administration including, if requested by the board or superintendent, a recommendation for continuation or non-continuation to the Board of Directors.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 4007