

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Student organizations have an important place in the educational program. When properly organized and operated, they:

1. Extend and reinforce the instructional program.
2. Give students practice in democratic self-government.
3. Build student morale and positive support for the school.
4. Honor outstanding student achievement.
5. Provide wholesome social and recreational activities.

School-sponsored organizations must be organized at the school, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school and have a democratic plan for the selection of members. Organizational activities shall not conflict with the authority and responsibilities of school officials.

**Closed Forum**

Only student groups that relate to the curriculum may be approved by the Board and officially sponsored by the school

A "group" relates to the curriculum only if it falls under one of the following categories:

1. The subject matter of the group is actually taught or will soon be taught in a regularly scheduled course.
2. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole (e.g., student government).
3. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
4. Participation in the group results in academic credit.

Groups not relating to the curriculum may use school facilities only as allowed under the Civic Center Act.

**Hazing**

No student shall conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical, emotional, or mental harm to any fellow student or other person. Persons violating this policy shall be subject to County Office of Education discipline, misdemeanor penalties, and forfeiture of entitlements. (Education Codes 32051, 32052)

Membership in secret fraternities, sororities and clubs is prohibited.

*Legal Reference:***EDUCATION CODE**

40 *Equal opportunity without regard to sex*

41 *School sponsored athletic programs; prohibited sex discrimination*

200-262 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*

32050-32052 *Hazing*

33352 *Supervision of physical education by State Department of Education*

33353 *California Interscholastic Foundation; governing board has power to select athletic league representatives*  
33353.5 *California Interscholastic Foundation; direct participation in student athletic insurance program; limitation of receipt of funds*  
33354 *Powers of State Department of Education over interscholastic athletics*  
35179 *Powers and responsibilities of governing board over all aspects of interscholastic athletic programs, policies, and activities in its district; obligation to conform to law; associations; nondiscriminatory programs; definitions*  
48930-48938 *Student organizations*  
49020 *Athletic programs; legislative intent*  
49021 *Equal opportunity for male and female students*  
49022 *Apportionment of public funds for male and female students*  
49023 *Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
5531 *Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils*  
PENAL CODE  
627-627.10 *Access to school facilities*  
TITLE VIII - THE EQUAL ACCESS ACT (Federal)  
Hartzell v. Connell, 84 Daily Journal D.A.R. 1417 (April 20, 1984)  
Perumal et al v. Saddleback Valley Unified School District, 88 Daily Journal D.A.R. 1426  
Board of Education of Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 58 U.S. Law Week 4720 (June 4, 1990)

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