

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Edmond Public Schools Board of Education believes that certain extracurricular and social activities can enhance the learning environment of our schools.

Rules for Establishing any Curricular Club or Curricular Organization

1. A certified teacher must agree to serve as the sponsor of the organization.
2. The objectives of the organization must be consistent with the objectives and philosophy of the school district.
3. By-laws and objectives of the organization must be submitted to the principal for approval.
4. Assurance must be given that no discrimination exists in regard to national origin, gender, or religious creed.

Non-curricular Clubs and Non-curricular Organizations

The Edmond Public Schools does not sponsor or direct and control any non-curricular clubs or organizations. Such groups may utilize school premises for meetings following the same rules and guidelines as any other outside groups as per district policy.

Notification of parents

The school district will annually notify parents or guardians of students about clubs and organizations sponsored by or under the direct control and supervision of the school district. The annual notification shall be placed in the student handbook and by posting information on the school district's Internet website. The annual notification shall include, but is not limited to, the following information about each club or organization:

1. Name
2. Mission or purpose; and,
3. Name of the faculty supervisor, if known.

If clubs or organizations are created or formed after the annual notification is distributed, the school district shall send additional notification to the parents or guardians containing the above-listed information regarding the additional clubs or organizations by way of a message added to the school district's Website.

Parental right to withhold permission for student participation

It will be the responsibility of parents or guardians of students to notify the school administration in writing if they choose to withhold permission for their child(ren) to join or participate in one or more clubs or organizations. Parents or guardians shall be responsible for preventing their child from participating in a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Parents or

guardians are also responsible for retrieving their child(ren) from attendance at a club or organization which participation is withheld.

Hazing Prohibited

Relative to membership and participation in school clubs and organizations, state law and local Board policy expressly prohibit “hazing.” This topic is addressed specifically within Policy #4560 (Hazing).