

EQUAL ACCESS/LIMITED OPEN FORUM

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Equal Access Act, as well as the constitutional guarantee of free speech. No part of this policy is tended to favor or establish a religion.

- A. Secondary schools (grades 9-12) of the Edmond Public Schools offer a fair opportunity to building access for students who wish to meet for non-curriculum related purposes during non-instructional time.
- B. Such meetings will be permitted subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. That the meeting is completely voluntary and student-initiated.
 - 2. That there is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees.
 - 3. That employees or agents are present only in a non-participatory capacity.
 - 4. That the meeting does not interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities within the school.
 - 5. That no non-school persons direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.
 - 6. That no public funds are expended beyond the incidental cost of providing space.
 - 7. That no meeting shall be sanctioned which is otherwise unlawful.
 - 8. That student groups wishing to meet complete the District Limited Open Forum Application and have it approved by the building principal prior to meeting.
- C. The Edmond Public Schools retains the right to establish the time and place for such meetings. In addition, the District retains the right to enforce order and discipline, to have teachers present to insure the preservation of order and safety, and to deny access to student groups when the provisions of this policy and/or the laws are not met.

Secret Societies, Fraternities, or Sororities (5210.1)

In accordance with Oklahoma law, the Edmond Board of Education does not approve of fraternities, sororities, or secret societies within the schools. Such organizations shall in no way be sponsored by the school, nor shall they be directly or indirectly influential upon the school program.