

## **Regulation 5210R, 5240R**

### **Proprietary Student Interest Club Activities and Events**

#### **General Statement**

The Board and Superintendent recognize that student interest clubs sometimes desire to (1) distribute and display non-school materials and (2) advertise or promote products, services and activities that align with the beliefs and interests of the club. This administrative regulation is designed to support student interest clubs while maintaining a limited forum for the distribution of non-school materials and advertising in schools.

#### **Regulations**

These administrative regulations apply specifically to student interest clubs. These regulations are provided to further describe and clarify the school system's limited forum for the distribution or display of non-school materials and advertising in schools as they relate to student interest clubs.

#### **Proprietary Club Activities and Events**

- Proprietary activities and events are literally or figuratively owned by the student interest club. These activities are solely planned, organized, and conducted by the student interest club.
- Proprietary activities are independent functions and do not rely on other school or non-school events in order to occur.
- Proprietary club activities and events include, but are not limited to:
  - Regular meetings
  - Sanctioned competitions, events, or rallies with similar clubs
  - Activities and events uniformly recognized as proprietary club functions
- Within proprietary club activities, club members may distribute or display non-school materials that align with the beliefs and interests of the club.
- Within proprietary club activities, club members may advertise or promote products, services and activities that align with the beliefs and interests of the club.

#### **Non-Proprietary Club Activities and Events**

- Non-proprietary activities and events are not exclusively owned by the student interest club.
- Non-proprietary activities are dependent on other school or non-school events in order to occur.
- Non-proprietary activities and events include all activities and events that are not proprietary to the student interest club.
- During non-proprietary club activities and events student interest clubs:
  - May share information about the club with prospective members, parents or guardians, and the community including club meeting times and scheduled events
  - May conduct civic and humanitarian activities that align with the beliefs and interests of the club
  - May conduct preauthorized fundraising activities

- May participate in preauthorized trips
- May undertake other actions that are uniformly recognized as club activities
- May not distribute or display non-school materials as described in Board Policy 5210
- May not advertise or promote products, services and activities as described in Board Policy 5240

### **School Support for Student Interest Clubs**

In an effort to support a variety of student interest clubs, schools will:

- Make intercom announcements regarding the time and location of club meetings and events
- Provide space during non-instructional time for club business meetings
- Assist with the authorization of club sponsors
- Authorize posters and other printed materials used to announce club meetings and events
- Resist known third-party efforts encouraging student interest clubs to violate school policies and encouraging student interest clubs to cause school disruptions through on campus protests or other disruptive or dangerous behavior
- Encourage students to be kind to others who express views that differ from one's personal beliefs
- Address verifiable misbehavior that is discriminatory pursuant to school conduct codes, School Board Policy, as well as state and federal law

### **Summary**

Nothing in these regulations will be construed to authorize the violation of Board Policy 5210, Distribution and Display of Non-School Material or Board Policy 5240 Advertising in the Schools.

Nothing in this policy will be construed to authorize or create an open forum that would allow unrestricted access to school property or school sponsored activities for (1) distributing or displaying non-school materials or (2) advertising or promoting products, services and activities.