

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EQUAL ACCESS

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Tyrone Area School District

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| <p>1. Authority 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq SC 511</p> | <p>The school district shall provide students the opportunity to have non-curriculum related student groups meet on the school district's premises during non-instructional time for the purposes of conducting meetings within a limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other free speech forums at such meetings.</p> |
| <p>2. Guidelines</p> | <p>The school district reserves the right to deny the use of its facilities to any group that advocates violence, the illegal use of drugs or alcohol, or other criminal activities.</p> <p>Such meetings shall be on a purely voluntary basis, shall be student initiated only and shall not be sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees.</p> <p>Such meetings shall be conducted only during non-instructional time, which is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins and after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The school district administrators of each school shall designate an area of each school which shall be available for such meetings.</p> <p>Facilities shall be available on an equal access, first-come, first-served basis and such facilities shall be made available on such days and times as the superintendent or his/her designee shall determine.</p> <p>School district administrators shall have the power and authority to attend such meetings and to enforce good order and discipline with respect to the conduct of students and others attending such meetings, in accordance with the school district's policies then in effect, but shall not be otherwise participate in such meetings.</p> <p>Other school district employees may attend such meetings but may not actively participate in such meetings.</p> <p>Meetings may not materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities of the school and the superintendent or his/her designee shall, at all times, have the authority to establish the length and number of sessions per week, as well as to designate which and what portion of any school facilities such meetings may be conducted.</p> |

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The superintendent or his/her designee shall take reasonable and proper action to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is on a purely voluntary basis.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall have the full power and authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against any school district employee or student who is in violation of this policy.

This policy shall at all times be in accordance with the Equal Access Act, No Child Left Behind Act, the Pennsylvania School Code, and other federal, state and local laws.

This policy shall be automatically modified from time to time to the extent reasonable, necessary and proper to comply with such laws.

REFERENCES

Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511