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**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**DATE REVISED:** March 15, 2007 **POLICY TITLE:** NON-CURRICULUM  
**DATE REVISED:** October 17, 2013 **RELATED STUDENT GROUPS**  
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Non-curriculum related student groups are recognized under this policy as student initiated groups comprised of Medford Area Public School District students that meet for purposes not directly related to the school curriculum. The phrase “non-curriculum related student groups” is defined by, and remains subject to, the definition of this phrase under the federal Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071, *et. seq.* Non-curriculum related student groups may meet in district facilities during non-instructional times designated by the district administrator or their designee, after registering with the building principal.

All non-curriculum related student groups must comply with the following provisions of this policy and all other applicable policies and regulations established by the Board of Education (BOE), the district administrator, and/or the building principal from time to time. The district administrator or their designee, may restrict use of school facilities by non-curriculum related student groups based upon the following guidelines and based upon any other legal reason.

- The meeting of all non-curriculum student groups shall be voluntary and student initiated.
- No group may obstruct or disrupt any activity conducted under the authority of the BOE and/or district employees.
- No group may conduct an activity that presents a reasonable probability that the activity of the group will conflict with school sponsored events or with the proper and orderly operation or discipline of the school or school sponsored activities.
- No group may conduct an activity that contains or references obscene, profane or pornographic subjects; impinge upon the rights of others; invade the privacy of others or invite or encourage any illegal behavior.
- No group may engage in hazing, on or off the school grounds, or at any school sponsored activity.
- No group may threaten or engage in the use of force, violence, intimidation, extortion, or coercion against any person or attempt to obstruct any school official in the performance of their duties.
- No group may attempt to prevent a student, teacher or other school authority from attending class.
- No group may substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.

- No group may enter into or use in any manner any school facilities, including buildings, grounds and equipment, without specific permission from the building principal.
- All groups must comply with the directions of police or law enforcement officers while such officers are acting in the performance of their duties on the school grounds.
- Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities of non-curriculum related student groups. No student led non-curriculum group may meet unless under the supervision of a school person.
- Employees or agents of the school may only attend meetings hereunder of a religious nature in a non-participatory capacity.

Any group denied the opportunity to meet during established non-instructional time(s) may appeal such denial to the BOE by filing a written request for review of the decision with the superintendent's office within 10 days of such denial.

**CROSS REFERENCE: IGDA**

**LEGAL REFERENCE: Equal Access Act**