

# Seaside School District 10

Code: **IGDA-AR**  
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## Student Organizations

All members of the school community, including faculty, administrators and the Board are responsible for the activities that are conducted in the schools. It is important, therefore, to the orderly use of District facilities that the use of all space be approved and planned in advance. An attempt shall be made to present a balance of viewpoints.

Students will be permitted to hold meetings on District property before or after the regular student school day under the following conditions:

1. The meeting will be scheduled in advance and follow Board "Use of District Building and Facilities" policies where appropriate;
2. All meetings must be approved by the building principal or designee;
3. The meeting will be sponsored by school officials, official school clubs or organizations and nonschool organizations.

In addition to the rules and regulations of "Use of District Building and Facilities," the following restrictions will apply:

1. Normal class activities will not be interrupted;
2. The meeting will not incite hazard to person or property;
3. No group which encourages or advocates the violation of federal laws, state laws or school laws will be granted use of school facilities;
4. No speaker who encourages or advocates breaking the law will be invited to speak.

If a crowd is anticipated, a crowd control plan will be filed in the building administration office two days in advance of the meeting for final approval.

Students will have the right to gather informally during the regular student school day provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Students gathered informally will not disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process;
2. Students gathered informally will not infringe upon the rights of others to pursue their activities.

Student organizations will be curriculum related or voluntary student initiated clubs that are not curriculum related.

1. "Curriculum related" student organizations must meet one of the following:
  - a. Group's subject matter is actually taught (or will soon be taught) in a regularly offered course;
  - b. Group's subject matter concerns the body of courses as a whole; or
  - c. Participation in the group is required for a particular course or results in academic credit.
2. Voluntary student-initiated clubs must:
  - a. Be voluntary and student-initiated;
  - b. Not be sponsored by the school the government or its agents or employees;
  - c. Not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school;
  - d. Not be directed, controlled, conducted or regularly attended by "non-school" persons.
3. Definitions:
  - a. "Non-instructional time" - time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends;
  - b. "Sponsorship" - act of promoting, leading or participating in a meeting. The assignment of a teacher, administrator or other school employee to a meeting for custodial purposes does not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.

Equal Access Act preserves the authority of the school its agents and employees to maintain order and discipline on District premises, to protect the well-being of students and faculty, and to assure that their attendance at meetings is voluntary.

Schools may prohibit meetings which would materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.

In a "limited open forum" situation, schools will not deny equal access of fair opportunity to, or discriminate against student initiated clubs on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech at such meetings.

If the meetings are religious, the school will not influence the form of any religious activity.