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## Authorization of Clubs

### Legal Authority/Requirement

53G-7-701-713      Student Clubs Act

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The principal shall establish written application procedures for student clubs and organizations. These procedures may contain deadlines by which applications must be submitted and minimum club membership. These procedures shall contain requirements for the development of a club charter, which shall identify:

- a. The recommended club name (which shall reasonably reflect the nature, purposes and activities of the club);
- b. A statement of the club's purpose, goals, and activities;
- c. A statement of the club's categorization:
  - athletic
  - agriculture
  - business/economic
  - art/music/performance
  - science
  - gaming
  - religious
  - community service
  - other
- d. The recommended meeting times, dates, and places
- e. A statement that the club will comply with applicable laws, rules, and policies
- f. A budget showing the amount and source(s) of any funding
- g. Club admission criteria (which must be objective and not violate applicable law)
- h. Any limitations upon club activities. These limitations shall include prohibitions against:

- Action or advocacy that violates the law or administrative rule; this prohibition shall not apply to appropriate discussions concerning the changing of laws or rules or actions taken through appropriate channels or procedures to effect such changes.
- Advocacy or approval of sexual activity outside of marriage, or presentations in violation of laws or regulations governing sex education or privacy rights of families or individuals.
- Action or advocacy involving the harassment or denigration of any person.
- Action or advocacy with intent to cause a person to fear or to freely exercise or enjoy any right secured by the Constitution or law of the United States of the state of Utah.

### **Limitations and Denials**

The principal may limit or deny a charter to a club if necessary to:

- a. Protect the physical, emotional, psychological, or moral well-being of students and faculty;
- b. Maintain order and discipline on school premises;
- c. Prevent a material or substantial interference with the orderly conduct of a school's educational activities;
- d. Protect the rights of parents or guardians and students;
- e. Maintain the boundaries of socially appropriate behavior; or
- f. Ensure compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies.

The principal shall deny access to any student organization or club whose program or activities will materially and substantially:

- a. Encourage criminal or delinquent conduct;
- b. Promote bigotry; or
- c. Involve human sexuality;
- d. Engage in or conduct mental health therapy, counseling, or psychological services for which a license would be required by state law.

### **Faculty Oversight of Authorized Clubs**

Although those seeking authorization to establish a club may propose the name of a faculty member who is willing to serve in the role of faculty sponsor, supervisor, and monitor. The school principal may accept or reject a proposed faculty sponsor in his/her sole discretion.

Persons who are not part of the school shall not be allowed to direct, conduct, or control club meetings. The faculty sponsor shall oversee club programs and activities to ensure compliance with the approved club charter and applicable laws and rules. The faculty sponsor must be in attendance at every meeting or activity scheduled on school premises. The school principal may cancel the authorization for any club found to be operating out of compliance of the approved charter or laws and rules.

## **Access to Clubs**

The principal may limit access to clubs by persons who are not part of the school, including prohibiting outside persons from directing, conducting, controlling or regularly attending club meetings. Outside persons may attend club meetings on rare occasions to make presentations if approved in advance by the school administrator.

The principal shall have the authority to decide the following:

- a. The time and place that a club may meet;
- b. Level of school financial support provided to a club;
- c. Club access to the school newspaper, yearbook, bulletin boards, public address system, yearbook, bulletin boards, or any combination of the foregoing.

## **Appeal of Club Denial, Suspension, or Termination**

A student or parent/guardian directly affected by the denial, suspension, or termination of a club by the principal may appeal in writing within ten (10) school days of denial to the AMES Board of Trustee's. This Board shall issue an opinion in writing either upholding or overturning the denial within ninety (90) days of receiving the appeal. This decision shall be the final administrative decision.