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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This regulation supersedes A-601 dated September 5, 2000. It outlines the process for establishing non-athletic student organizations and clubs and the requirements with which they must comply.

Changes:

- Contact information has been updated.
- Expanded section dealing with membership being open to all students.



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ABSTRACT

This regulation outlines the process for establishing non-athletic student organizations and clubs and the requirements with which they must comply. It supersedes Chancellor's Regulation A-601 dated September 5, 2000.

I. PROCESS

- A. Students in intermediate, junior high and high schools have the right to organize and participate in student organizations and clubs and political, religious and philosophical groups consistent with the requirements of the Equal Access Act and this regulation.
- B. Membership in student clubs or organizations must be open to all students in the school regardless of race, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, citizenship status, marital status, gender or sexual orientation.
- C. All student clubs and student organizations shall be under the general supervision of the principal. No activities of any student organization or club shall take place in the school, on school property, or at any school sponsored function, unless approved by the principal.
- D. Each school may create its own policy or procedures with respect to establishing clubs and organizations, provided they are consistent with this regulation.
- E. In order to receive a charter, each student club and/or organization must:
 - be initiated by a group of interested students;
 - have a purpose which is consistent with the school's educational goals;
 - have a faculty advisor who is a licensed Department of Education pedagogue;
 - be approved by the student government;
 - be approved by the principal who shall be the final arbiter in the chartering process.
- F. Faculty advisors shall be appointed by the principal after consultation with the student club or organization.
- G. All student club and organization functions or activities must have a faculty advisor or principal's designee present.



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- H. Every student club or organization must have on file a constitution or bylaws which set forth, at a minimum, its purpose, membership, officers' responsibilities, election process and impeachment procedure.
- I. Student clubs and organizations may not charge a membership fee or require any other form of initiation.
- J. Secret societies, secret clubs, and secret organizations, including gangs, are not permitted in school.
- K. All funds raised by a student club or activity shall be in compliance with Chancellor's Regulation A-610.

II. INQUIRIES

Inquiries pertaining to this regulation should be addressed to:

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