

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians may wish to organize clubs for the purpose of supporting the educational program and/or extracurricular programs such as athletic teams, debate teams, and musical groups. The Board supports such activities and welcomes parental interest and participation. Parent/guardian clubs shall be especially careful not to seek advantages for the activities they support if those advantages might be detrimental to the entire school program.

The Board requires parent/guardian clubs to have a written statement of purpose and bylaws. The Board recognizes that these organizations are independent of the school or district. In order to protect the district and students, the Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate controls for the relationship between such organizations and the district.

Groups desiring to be recognized as school-connected organizations shall request authorization from the Board in accordance with conditions established in administrative regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

38131 Use of civic center by public

38134 Groups which may use school facilities without charge

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

1101.89 School District Liability and "Hold Harmless" Agreements, LO: 4-89

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Requests for authorization as a school-connected organization shall contain:

1. The name of the organization
2. The date of application
3. Membership quotas or qualifications
4. The names, addresses and phone numbers of all officers
5. A brief description of the organization's purpose
6. A list of specific annual objectives
7. The name of the bank where the group's account will be located and the names of those authorized to withdraw funds
8. The signature of a site administrator who supports the request for authorization
9. Desired use for any money remaining at the end of the year if the organization is not continued or authorized to continue in the future
10. Evidence of liability insurance as required by law

Authorizations shall be automatically renewed each year. The Superintendent may recommend that authorizations be revoked by the Board if considered necessary.

Any program, fund-raiser or other activity sponsored by parent/guardian clubs shall be authorized and conducted according to Board policy, administrative regulations and school rules. Announcements of events and related parent/guardian permission slips shall clearly indicate that the activity or event is sponsored by the parent/guardian organization, not by the school or district.