



Student Policies BP 10-08

Board Policy: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

Board Philosophy

The GCC Board recognizes the importance of allowing students to organize and participate in student organizations and clubs for purposes and activities that will forward the betterment of the school and its community.

Student Government

If appropriate, the GCC Schools may establish a student government so long as a faculty member who will supervise such activities and ensure compliance with GCC Board requirements and other applicable lawful regulations. The Principal or designee may establish a fair process for the nomination and election of officer for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be a minimum of two class representatives, to be selected by procedures to be developed at the discretion of the faculty of the participating classes. Meetings shall be held in a manner and at times deemed necessary by the student government. Robert's Rules of Order shall be utilized by the body. However, the body shall generally determine all other rules for its operation and activities consistent with the established rules of the School and the GCC Board.

Student Organizations

In addition to a student government body, students may establish organizations or clubs so long as approval is obtained by the governing board consistent with this policy and any other applicable requirements.

Approval

The student organization's constitution and by-laws may be prepared through the cooperative work of the students and faculty. A copy of the constitution and by-laws must be submitted to the Principal for initial review to ensure consistency with GCC Board requirements. Once this determination is made, the constitution and by-laws shall be placed on the GCC Board's agenda for review and approval. In reviewing such proposals, the GCC Board shall respect all pupil constitutional and statutory rights. The funds of every student organization shall be deposited, expended and accounted for in accordance with a written procedure developed by the student government, with the assistance of the Principal of the School.

Fundraising

All funds raised by any student organization shall be supervised under the name of the School. The School shall also be responsible to periodically audit the funds of the organization. All fundraising must receive prior approval of the Principal. The GCC Board approval will be required. Further, fundraising activities shall not be conducted during instructional time.

Use of School Facilities

The use of school facilities by student organizations will be subject to reasonable rules established by the GCC Board. Students interested in initiating a meeting on school premises shall submit a request in writing to the school Principal. The request should state the name of the person requesting the meeting, the name of the group or type of group requesting the meeting, the number of persons expected to attend, the time requested, and the length of time for the meeting. The Principal or designee shall review the written application and determine, which, if any room is available to accommodate the request. Requests for use shall be presented to the Principal seven school days in advance of the date requested for use. The Principal shall assign a teacher, administrator or other employee to a meeting for "custodial" purposes. The employee shall not participate in the meetings, sponsor the meeting or attempt to influence the form or content of the meeting.

The granting of use of school facilities does not mean the School sponsors or endorses the activities of any student group.

Revocation of Privileges

Student groups and individual students meeting on school property or otherwise at a school sponsored event may have their privilege to meet revoked if they engage in conduct which is in violation of this policy, disruptive to the educational process, damages school property or in violation of any law. Student organizations or their members shall not engage in any activity which coerces, pressures, embarrasses or unduly influences other students to participate in any meeting.

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