

# Williamson County Board of Education



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STUDENT EQUAL ACCESS

1 Before the beginning or after the end of an instructional day, students in grades 6 through 12 may  
2 initiate noncurriculum-related meetings regardless of the religious or political nature of the meetings  
3 or clubs.  
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5 No funds shall be expended by the school for any such meeting beyond the incidental cost  
6 associated with providing meeting space.  
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8 No student may be compelled to attend or participate in a meeting under this policy.  
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10 A student or a group of students who wish to conduct a meeting under this policy must file an  
11 application with the principal annually or at least three days prior to the proposed date.  
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13 The principal shall approve the meeting if, from the application, he determines that:  
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- 15 1. The meeting is voluntary, student-initiated, and student-led.  
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- 17 2. Parent consent has been obtained for each participating student.  
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- 19 3. There is no endorsement of the meeting or its content by the school, the government, or its  
20 agents or employees.  
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- 22 4. An employee of the district is to be present in a non-participatory monitoring capacity; however,  
23 no employee shall be required to attend in this capacity if the content of the meeting is contrary  
24 to the beliefs of the employee.  
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- 26 5. Nonschool persons may occasionally attend club meetings if invited by the students. Nonschool  
27 persons will not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities of student groups.  
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- 29 6. Permission will not be given to any meeting that conflicts with previously scheduled meetings;  
30 any meeting that materially and substantially interferes with the orderly conduct of educational  
31 activities within the school (§4071(d)(5)); any meeting at which unlawful conduct is likely to  
32 occur (§4071(d)(5)); any meeting that threatens order and discipline on school premises  
33 (§4071(f)); any meeting that threatens the well-being of students and faculty (§4071(f)); or, any  
34 meeting at which attendance of the students is not completely voluntary (§4071(f)).  
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42 Legal References:

43 20 U.S.C.A. § 4071  
44 Westside Community Schools v. Mergers, 496 U.S. 226 (1990)  
45 TCA 49-6-2904  
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Cross References:

6.702 Student Clubs, Activities and Organizations