**Policy Code: 4440 STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Student activities shall be considered an integral part of the school instructional program and shall be conducted in accordance with policies of the Board of Education and the regulations of the Superintendent.

Each student organization must be authorized by the school principal.

Each student organization must have a faculty sponsor who is approved by the principal.

Organized student groups may include a student council, or may be subject area-oriented, athletic, service, honor, or an extension of a school-sponsored program.

Secret organizations shall not be permitted.

Clubs or organizations established and sponsored by outside agencies or groups shall not be considered school clubs and shall not function on school grounds or during the school day unless authorized by the principal.

LEGAL REF: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12132, 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 4071-4074; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., 34 C.F.R. pt. 300; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 705(20), 794, 34 C.F.R. pt. 104; G.S. 115C art. 9, 115C-47(4), -390.2, -407.5; State Board of Education Policy ATHL-001; Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities, State Board of Education Policy EXCP-000; N.C. High School Athletic Association Handbook; Middle/Junior High School Athletic Manual (NCDPI)

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