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Board Policy

The Board of Trustees of the Shelley Joint School District No. 60 believe that student clubs are a vital part of the total educational program, and should be used as a means for developing wholesome attitudes, good human relationships, a positive sense of camaraderie, and knowledge and skills about the academic subject.

Suggested Implementation Guidelines

The following are applicable to this policy.

- A. Any club in existence and operation within the schools of the district must be tied to an academic course or program, must have approved bylaws and be subject to the approval of the school and building administration and to any rules and regulations required by the national and state organization (if applicable) and those required by the district. Samples of types under this policy are:
1. Class Clubs – Trigonometry, History, Art, VICA, HERO, etc.
 2. Subject Area Clubs – Social Science, Mathematics, Vocational, Music
 3. Institutionally Sponsored Organizations – Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Girls, De Malay, YMCA, YWCA and similar organizations.
 4. Others with prior approval of the Board of Trustees, and district and school administration.
- B. The following general rules are required.
1. Bylaws: Submitted to the building principal by those sponsoring a proposed club, including students and advisor(s).
 2. Election: The club officers shall be elected according to proper election procedures including, nominations, balloting, counting and verifications.
 3. Membership: No school club shall be allowed to choose its new members merely by the decision of its present members. No student shall be denied membership in any school club if he or she can meet the rules and regulations for membership established in the bylaws. (Idaho Code, 33:1902-1903)
 4. Advisors: Shall be present at all meetings or functions of any club or arrange for other faculty member to take their place. If the group takes a trip, the advisor shall act as one of the chaperons. If the group is a mixed group, both a male and female chaperon must accompany the group.
 5. Funds: The advisor will keep an accurate record of the club funds to assure that good business practices prevail. Requisition slips for all purchases shall be signed by the advisor, and all bills must be paid prior to the end of the school

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- year. Club books shall be kept in accordance with approved district accounting practices and will be available at all times for examination by the district auditor.
6. Forms of Initiation: Only formal induction ceremonies for a club, class activity, or the student body will be allowed, and then only under the planning and supervision of the sponsor and the Principal. No ceremonies in which the action may be defined as hazardous or belittling to the student will be allowed.
 7. Participation: Club activities are a part of the total educational program offered to students, therefore, exclusion should be based on reasonable rules. Marriage alone is not such a factual situation which adversely affect the health or morals of students participating in activities or that adversely affects the discipline or usefulness of the activities program of the school to bar the student from extra-curricular activities.
 8. Volunteerism: All student participation is on a voluntary basis.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person, group, or organization to establish a fraternity, sorority, or other secret society whose membership is comprised in whole or part of pupils enrolled in the elementary or secondary schools of the State, or to solicit a pupil in any such school to become a member of such organization and no pupil enrolled in the public elementary or secondary schools shall be or become a member, or pledge himself to become a member of such organization. (Idaho Code, 33:1901)
- D. Violation of the provisions of this policy, the club bylaws, or any rule or regulation of the State Board of Education or Laws of the State of Idaho will result in the club losing its charter to operate in the school district.
- E. This policy does not address extracurricular athletic or academic programs.

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