

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS

The Board of Trustees believes that student organizations may reinforce the instructional program, give students practice in democratic self-government and provide social and recreational activities. Student organizations also may serve to honor outstanding student achievement and enhance school spirit and students' sense of belonging.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE52 *Designation of secondary schools*53 *Designation of high schools*200-262.3 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex especially:*32050-32051 *Hazing*48930-48938 *Student organizations*48950 *Freedom of speech*49020 *Athletic programs: Legislative intent*49021 *Equal opportunity for male and female students*49022 *Apportionment of funds for male and female students*49023 *Expenditure of public funds; prohibited sex discrimination*PENAL CODE627-627.10 *Access to school premises*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 52 *Definitions*5531 *Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 204071-4074 *The Equal Access Act*9504 *School prayer*9505 *Boy Scouts equal access*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 3620101-240112 *Patriotic organizations*COURT DECISIONS*Culbertson et al. v. Oakridge School District, (2001) 258 F.3d 1061**Good News Club et al. v. Milford Central School, (2001) 121 S.Ct. 2093**Ceniceros v. Board of Trustees of the San Diego Unified School District, (1995) 66 F. 3d 1535**Board of Education of Westside Community School District v. Mergens By and Through Mergens, (1989, 8th Cir.) 867 F.2d 1076, aff'd. (1990) 496 U.S. 226**Perumal et al v. Saddleback Valley Unified School District, (1988) 198 Cal. App. 3d 64**Student Coalition for Peace v. Lower Merion School District Board of Directors, (1985) 776 F.2d. 431**Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899**Management Resources:*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*Religious Expression in Public Schools: Statement of Principles, Richard W. Riley, 1995, rev. 1999*WEB SITES*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*