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REGULATION

1. All activities of a school organization, team or club should be conducted in such a manner that the dignity and self-esteem of the individual student are maintained or enhanced, particularly in activities used to highlight entry, exit or change of status of a student, such as initiation events, induction or graduation ceremonies.
2. It is expected that the activities of school organizations, teams and clubs be characterized by good sportsmanship; that is, that coaches and students display fairness and generosity, be good losers and graceful winners.
3. Initiation or any similar activities which result in harassment, abuse or ridicule of an individual student are not consistent with maintaining dignity, self-esteem and good sportsmanship. Hazing should not be part of school organization, team or club activities.
4. Student participation in initiation, induction, graduation or similar activities should be voluntary, and not be a condition of status or membership in a school organization, team or club.
5. The Principal has responsibility for approving both the nature of, and arrangements for, any initiation, induction, graduation or similar activity prior to it taking place.
6. The Principal has responsibility for approving the purposes and goals of a student organization, team or club in the school; for ensuring the appropriate involvement of school staff in the organization; and for ensuring that the organization, team or club conducts its affairs in a manner consistent with the overall purposes and goals of the school and the District.
7. The Principal has responsibility for approving the criteria for membership of a student organization, team or club in the school. Membership should be open to interested students who meet the criteria and not be restricted on grounds contrary to established human rights. Membership criteria should relate to the specific purposes of the organization, and should be reasonable, clearly identified, and made known and equally applied to all applicants.
8. The Principal has responsibility for ensuring that appropriate procedures for appeal are available to any student whose membership or status in an organization, team or club is withdrawn. Students/parents should be made aware of the procedures available.
9. To the fullest extent possible, parents should be made aware of the purposes and membership criteria of student organizations, teams or clubs.

REFERENCES

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