

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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3 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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5 Series 500

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7 Policy Title Student Organizations and Clubs Code No. 503.20

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- 10 1. Clubs and organizations should be school related and must have approval of:
 - 11 a. Student council and
 - 12 b. Building principal and
 - 13 c. Board of Trustees
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 - 16 2. The following must be established in order to process and approval request:
 - 17 a. A building staff member is willing to serve as advisor. A constitution and by-laws
 - 18 have been submitted to the building principal. The constitution should include the
 - 19 following areas when appropriate and any area is subject to exemption by the
 - 20 building principal depending on the specific requirements of the club or organization:
 - 21 ▪ Purpose or objective of the club
 - 22 ▪ Letter and award requirements
 - 23 ▪ Conduct expectations and consequences for inappropriate conduct that
 - 24 meet due process
 - 25 ▪ Attendance requirements
 - 26 ▪ Practice requirements
 - 27 ▪ Financial Procedures
 - 28 ▪ Season Start and End Dates
 - 29 ▪ Camp Policies
 - 30 ▪ Fundraising Procedures
 - 31 ▪ Travel Requests and Procedures
 - 32 ▪ Officer Positions, Requirements, and Procedures
 - 33 ▪ Membership Requirements
 - 34 ▪ Voting Procedures.
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 - 38 3. To be a member of a club or organization the student must be enrolled in that club or
 - 39 organization's school. -
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 - 42 4. Each student must meet all eligibility requirements including:
 - 43 ▪ Academic
 - 44 ▪ Drug and alcohol
 - 45 ▪ Student Handbook Regulations
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 - 48 5. The Secondary Director will make a recommendation to the board of trustees based
 - 49 on a review with the district insurance carrier. The following will be considered:

- 50 a. If the insurance carrier considers the club or organization to be high risk and is
51 likely to increase the district's insurance rate as a result of adding the club or
52 organization, the director will not recommend approval.
- 53 b. If the insurance carrier considers the club or organization to be high risk and the
54 club or organization is willing to purchase first coverage insurance, then the
55 director may recommend approval.
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- 57 6. All activities of any club or organization must have an advisor in attendance.
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- 59 7. Overnight activities must have the prior approval of the school district administration
60 and of the board of trustees. (See Policy 702.41)
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- 62 8. The number of school parties sponsored by the clubs and organizations is to be
63 minimized and be:
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- 65 a. approved by the principal
- 66 b. adequately chaperoned
- 67 c. held outside of normal school hours
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- 69 9. Authorized initiations will be limited to a regularly called meeting and must have prior
70 approval of the advisor and building principal. There are to be no unauthorized
71 initiations into any club or organization; this includes private as well as public
72 initiations.
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- 74 10. Hazing, as well as any action which interferes with student's normal school duties, or
75 which seriously affects school morale, is forbidden. Pupils guilty of such acts will be
76 disciplined according to the district discipline policy.
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- 78 11. Wednesday evenings are reserved for community-sponsored activities.
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- 80 12. Evening meetings should begin no later than 8:00 p.m. and should end no later than
81 10:00 p.m.
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- 83 13. All clubs and organizations must renew their active status annually by submitting a
84 letter to the principal on or before December 1st.
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- 86 14. The use of a school's name or mascot by unauthorized organizations without written
87 permission is strictly forbidden.
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