

SUMMIT WEST

Independent School

POLICY TITLE: **Student Organizations**

Board Approval:
Board Review:

OBJECTIVE:

Students are encouraged to form voluntary student organizations which align with their educational goals, personal passions and interests. The formation of student organizations will be supported by the Board of Directors.

DEFINITIONS:

A student organization includes an organization or activity that promotes quality and non discrimination with respect to, without limitation, race, religious belief, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, family status or sexual orientation, including but not limited to organizations such as gay-straight alliances, diversity clubs, anti-racism clubs and anti-bullying clubs.

POLICY:

1. Students wishing to form a student organization or activity will:
 - a. request the support of a teacher or school administrator to establish a voluntary student organization, or to lead an activity intended to promote a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.
 - b. select a respectful and inclusive name for the organization or activity, in consultation with the principal
2. The Principal will:
 - a. permit the establishment of the student organization or holding of the activity
 - b. designate a staff member to serve as staff liaison to facilitate the establishment, and the ongoing operation, of the student organization or to assist in organizing the activity
 - c. inform the Board of Directors and the Minister of Education if no staff member is available to serve as a staff liaison