

## **The Vanguard School**

### **POLICY: Vanguard IGDA – Student Organizations**

**POLICY ADOPTED: 12-13-16**

#### STATEMENT OF INTENT

It is the policy of The Vanguard School to encourage the organization and operation of student organizations. The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria and procedures governing the recognition of student organizations.

#### DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

##### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations serve as an extension of the regular school curriculum. Their function is to enhance the participants' educational experiences and supplement the course materials within the educational program of the school. The activities of these organizations should bear a clear relationship to the regular curriculum.

Student organizations meeting the criteria set forth by school requirements will be deemed to be officially recognized, curriculum-related organizations. Any organization which fails to meet the established criteria of the school will be denied the recognition and the privileges of an organization. Recognition of all student organizations shall be in accordance with school policies and procedures.

##### MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

Membership in organizations shall be voluntary and open, but limited to students currently enrolled in the school. Organizations may establish academic qualifications for membership where necessarily related to the purposes of the organization. No student shall be denied membership because of race, color, national origin, or religion. Qualifications based on sex may be imposed only where necessary to preserve the health, safety, or welfare of students, or where gender is a bona fide and integral qualification for the activities of the organization.

##### FACULTY SPONSORSHIP OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Every organization shall be sponsored by at least one member of the school faculty approved by the principal. Faculty sponsors shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of all activities of the organization, shall actively participate in planning and implementing the activities, and shall attend all meetings.

## COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND POLICIES

No organization, student or non-student that uses school facilities may be engaged in activities which are contrary to law or school policy; which disrupt or clearly threaten to disrupt the orderly operation of the school; or which adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of students or staff members. The requirements of Public Law No. 98-377, The Equal Access Law, must be followed. When appropriate, student organizations shall comply with the purchasing policies of the school.

Student groups may not extend the credit of the school. Failure to comply with these provisions shall be grounds for revocation of recognition and the right to meet.

By setting down these requirements, the school neither endorses nor rejects any group.

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