ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODIES

An associated student body (ASB) shall be formed in each school within the district whenever one or more students in that school engage in money-raising activities with the approval and at the direction or under the supervision of the district. An associated student body shall be a formal organization of students, including sub-components or affiliated student groups. Each associated student body shall submit a constitution and bylaws to the board for approval. The constitution and bylaws shall identify how student activities become approved as student body activities and establish standards for their supervision, governance and financing. Subject to such approval process, any lawful activity which promotes the educational, recreational or cultural growth of students may be considered for recognition as an associated student body activity. Any lawful fund raising practices that are consistent with the goals of the district and which do not bring disrespect to the district or its students may be acceptable methods and means for raising funds for student body activities. Elementary schools are not required to have an associated student body. The board of directors may act or delegate the authority to a staff member to act as the associated student body for any school which contains no grade higher than grade six.

The board of directors prohibits the district Associated Student Bodies (ASB) from engaging in political activities. This includes, but is not limited to, influencing legislative decisions at federal, state or local levels, or participating in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office.

The principal shall designate a staff member as the primary advisor to the ASB and assure that all groups affiliated with the ASB have an advisor assigned to assist them. Advisors shall have the authority and responsibility to intervene in any activities that are inconsistent with district policy, ASB standards, student safety or ordinarily accepted standards of behavior in the community. When in doubt, advisors shall consult the principal regarding the propriety of proposed student activities.

The superintendent is authorized to develop and implement the necessary regulations for the administration of this policy.

Legal References: RCW 28A.325.020 Associated student bodies--Powers and responsibilities affecting 28A.325.030 Associated student body program fund--Created-- Source of funds--Expenditures --Budgeting--Care of other moneys received by students for private purposes WAC 392-138-030 Powers--Authority and policy of board of directors

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