STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 4.06

I. All student clubs and organizations shall be approved by the principal before they can operate within a school center.

A. The Director and staff of the Area Vocational-Technical Center shall be authorized to establish and utilize a student council composed of students representing each vocational program. The objective for establishing a student council is to promote a better understanding of the role of vocational education in the Center's service area and to facilitate students' input regarding the operation of the Center based upon their needs.

B. Vocational student organizations may be organized to provide an extension of training and may include clubs such as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Phi Beta Lambda (ΦΒΛ).

II. All student clubs and organizations shall comply with the following:

A. The decision of a member of an organization shall not be one of the factors in selecting additional members.

B. The charter and constitution of each student club or organization shall set forth the purposes, qualifications for members, and the rules of conduct and shall be maintained on file for immediate reference by all students and instructional personnel of the school.

C. There shall be no type of hazing in any club or organization within the school. Hazing shall be defined as any action or situation for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of the school which recklessly or intentionally endangers a student's mental or physical health or safety.

D. Dues shall be reasonable and not prohibitive.

E. All meetings shall be held on School Board property. This may be waived for special meetings and events upon the faculty sponsor's request and principal's approval.

F. A faculty sponsor shall be present at all meetings.

G. All social events shall be adequately chaperoned.

H. All monies accruing to any school club or organization shall be accounted for through the school's internal accounting system.

1. Revenues and funds generated by authorized Booster clubs or associations may be used to fund or supplement the pay of coaches, activity directors, or sponsors. The funds may not be used for severance pay or for compensation as defined in §1012.22, F.S., for athletic coaches, activity directors, or activity sponsors.

I. A student club or organization shall not conduct any activity or act which violates Florida Statutes, School Board rules, or the policies of the local school.

III. Any school club or organization which engages in an initiation ceremony for its members shall prepare and submit the program of initiation exercises to the faculty sponsor for review and approval by the school principal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

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