

## **5841 SECRET SOCIETIES**

The Board of Education affirms the legislative prohibition of pupil organizations with closed membership practices as hostile to the democratic ideals of public education.

No social organization of pupils will be granted the use of school facilities or permitted the use of the name of the school or this school district unless that organization has first been approved by the Principal. The application for such approval will set forth the purposes, constitution, and bylaws of the organization; its membership qualifications; and the process by which a person becomes a member. No organization will be approved if its purposes conflict with the policies of the Board or the best interests of the pupils of this district; if membership is drawn from outside the currently enrolled student body; if membership qualifications are based on considerations of race, creed, political beliefs, or any other consideration not appropriate to the purpose of the organization; or if any qualifying pupil who applies may be denied membership.

A pupil who seeks to form or is a member of a fraternity, sorority, or other secret organization formed in whole or in part of pupils enrolled in this district may be disciplined by this Board.

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5; 18A:42-6

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