

**Utah Career Path High  
Policy: Student Clubs Authorization Policy  
Adopted: March 25, 2019**



**Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process for authorization of student clubs as outlined in state law.

Clubs whose membership is determined by student body election or that are governed by an association that regulates interscholastic activities are exempt from this policy.

Utah Career Path High's (the "School") administration will review applications for authorization of curricular and noncurricular clubs on a case-by-case basis.

**Definitions**

"Curricular club" means a club that is school sponsored and that may receive leadership, direction, and support from the School. In addition, a curricular club means a club:

- (a) whose subject matter is taught or will soon be taught in a regular course;
- (b) whose subject matter concerns the body of courses as a whole;
- (c) in which participation is required for a particular course; or
- (d) in which participation results in academic credit.

"Noncurricular club" is a student-initiated group that may be authorized and allowed to use School resources in accordance with the provisions of this policy. A noncurricular club's meetings, ideas, and activities are not sponsored or endorsed in any way by the School's Board of Directors, the School, or by School employees.

**Curricular Clubs**

**Application**

Faculty members or students proposing a curricular club must submit a Board-approved "Student Club Application for Authorization Form" to the School administration.

The School administration will review each application and approve or deny it within a reasonable amount of time.

The School administration shall approve a curricular club's name consistent with the club's purposes and its School sponsorship.

The School administration will strictly apply the definition of curricular club to determine curriculum relatedness.

If the School administration finds that the proposed club is a noncurricular club, the School may: (a) return the application to the faculty member or students proposing the club for amendment; or (b) review the application as an application for authorization of a noncurricular club.

### Faculty Oversight

School administration will ensure that all curricular clubs have faculty oversight at all times. Faculty sponsors will organize and direct the purpose and activities of a curricular club.

The approved faculty sponsor will provide oversight consistent with the Utah Student Clubs Act (Utah Code § 53G-7-701, et seq.) and the needs of the School to ensure that the methods of expression or other conduct of the students or sponsor involved do not:

- (a) unreasonably interfere with the ability of School officials to maintain order and discipline;
- (b) unreasonably endanger or threaten the well-being of persons or property
- (c) violate concepts of civility or propriety appropriate to a school setting; or
- (d) violate applicable laws, rules, regulations, or School policies.

### **Noncurricular Clubs**

#### Application

A noncurricular club shall have a minimum of five (5) members.

Students proposing a noncurricular club must submit a Board-approved "Student Club Application for Authorization Form" to the School administration.

The School administration will review each application and approve or deny it within a reasonable amount of time.

The noncurricular club name must reasonably reflect the club's purpose, goals and activities and may not result in or imply a violation of the Utah Student Clubs Act (Utah Code § 53G-7-701, et seq.).

The School administration may approve a noncurricular club name in an action separate from that relating to authorization of the club itself.

### Faculty Oversight

The School administration will approve faculty members to serve as supervisors for authorized noncurricular clubs. The faculty supervisor will provide oversight consistent with the Utah Student Clubs Act (Utah Code § 53G-7-701, et seq.) and the needs of the School to ensure compliance with the approved club purposes, goals, and activities and ensure that the methods of expression, religious practices, or other conduct of the students, supervisor, or monitor involved do not:

- (a) unreasonably interfere with the ability of School officials to maintain order and discipline;
- (b) unreasonably endanger or threaten the well-being of persons or property;
- (c) violate concepts of civility or propriety appropriate to a School setting; or
- (d) violate applicable laws, rules, regulations, or School policies.

Persons who are not School faculty or club members shall not be allowed access to clubs to direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend club meetings.

Persons who are not faculty or club members will not be allowed to make a presentation to a noncurricular club without the prior approval of the School administration.

### Club Limitations and Denials

The School administration will limit or deny authorization to a club or require changes as a condition of authorization if such limitation, denial, or changes are necessary to:

- (a) protect the physical, emotional, psychological, or moral well-being of students and faculty;
- (b) maintain order and discipline in the School;
- (c) prevent a material and substantial interference with the orderly conduct of the School's educational activities;
- (d) protect the rights of parents/guardians and students;
- (e) maintain the boundaries of socially appropriate behavior; or
- (f) ensure compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and School policies.

The School administration will limit or deny authorization to a club or require changes as a condition of authorization if the club's proposed charter and

proposed activities indicate students or advisors in club-related activities would have a substantial, material, or significant part of their conduct or means of expression:

- (a) encourage criminal or delinquent conduct;
- (b) promote bigotry;
- (c) involve human sexuality; or
- (d) involve any effort to engage in or conduct mental health therapy, counseling, or psychological services for which a license would be required under state law.

If the School administration limits or denies authorization to a club, they will provide in writing the factual and legal basis for the limitation or denial and an explanation of the appeals process. This response will be provided to the applicant in writing within a reasonable amount of time.

### **Parental Consent**

Parental or guardian consent for student participation in all curricular and noncurricular clubs at the School will be required. The consent form will include an activity disclosure statement containing, at a minimum, all the information outlined in the School activity disclosure example.

All completed parental consent forms shall be maintained until the end of the school year.

### **Appeals Procedure**

If a club is denied, suspended or terminated, a student or a complaining parent or guardian, has ten (10) school days from the date of the denial, suspension, or termination to file a written appeal with the Director. The Director will issue an opinion in writing either upholding or overturning the denial, suspension, or termination within thirty (30) days of receiving the appeal. The Director's decision shall be the final administrative decision.

Signature:

 March 25, 2019  
Jerry Stevenson, Board President      Date