

# Wilson County Board of Education

Policy Description:  Student Equal Access (Limited Public Forum)	Policy Number: 4.802	Amended Date: 06/04/07
	Rescinds:	Issued: 06/03/04

1 Before the beginning or after the end of a school day, students in grades 9 through 12 may initiate noncurricula  
2 related meetings regardless of the religious or political nature of the meetings.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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4 No funds shall be expended by the school for any such meetings beyond the incidental costs associated with  
5 providing meeting space. Groups meeting under this policy shall be required to pay a reasonable fee for  
6 compensating school personnel in the supervision of the activity.

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8 No student may be compelled to attend or participate in a meeting under this policy.

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10 A student or a group of students who wish to conduct a meeting under this policy must file an application with the  
11 principal at least three days prior to the proposed date. In addition, the following apply:

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13 1. The meeting must be voluntary and student initiated;  
14 2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting or its content by the school, the government, or its agents or  
15 employees;  
16 3. The meeting will not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's  
17 educational activities or conflict with other previously scheduled meetings;  
18 4. Employees of the district are to be present in a non-participatory monitoring capacity; however, no  
19 employee shall be required to attend in this capacity if the content of the meeting is contrary to the  
20 beliefs of the employee; and  
21 5. Nonschool persons will not direct, control, or regularly attend.

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23 Nothing in this policy shall in anyway violate state and/or federal law.  
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<sup>1</sup> 20 U.S.C.A. § 4071

<sup>2</sup> Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990)

<sup>3</sup> TCA 49-6-2904