Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education Policy **JJA**, Student Organizations Revised February 25, 2015

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) endorses the creation of clubs and other approved school organizations for the purpose of reaching the interests of as many students as possible.

Student organizations have an important place in the education program because when properly organized and operated they:

- 1. Extend and reinforce the instructional program
- 2. Give students practice in democratic self-government
- 3. Build student morale and spirit of positive support for the schools
- 4. Honor outstanding student achievement
- Provide wholesome social and recreational activities

To guide the professional staff and students in organization, the Board sets forth the following policy guides:

- School clubs and societies shall be recognized as authorized school organizations if they are organized by the school system, sponsored by school personnel, composed completely of current District 11 student body members, hold the majority of their meetings at school and during the regular school day, have an approved plan for the selection of members, establish aims which are educational and of school interest or community interest and meet all those conditions set forth for recognized school-sponsored organizations.
- 2. Membership in secret fraternities, sororities and clubs is prohibited throughout the school district.

Student organizations shall not charter/sponsor non-school advocacy groups.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §4071 et. seq.

C.R.S. 22-1-117 C.R.S. 22-1-118

CROSS REFS.: JIE, Distribution of Student Publications

JJA-R, School Authorized Student Groups

JJA-E, Request to Start a School Authorized Student Group