



Policy: 9.17

SUBJECT: **SECRET SOCIETIES**

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1.0 Policy

The legislature of the State of Michigan has declared that public school fraternities, sororities, and secret societies are an obstruction to education and inimical to the public welfare.

Under law, school boards and school personnel may not “authorize, support, or permit the creation and existence of a public school fraternity, sorority, or secret body.”

The law defines a public school fraternity, sorority, or secret body as:

[A]n organization whose active membership is composed wholly or in part of pupils of the public schools of this state enrolled in one or more of the 12 grades and perpetuating itself by taking in additional members from the pupils enrolled in the public schools on the basis of the decision of its membership, rather than upon the right of a pupil who is qualified by the regulations of the school to be a member of and take part in class or group exercises, subjects required by the course of study, or program of school activities fostered and promoted by the board and superintendent of schools.

Attachments to Policy 9.17: None

See also: None

Legal References: MCLA § 380.1316

Labor Contract References: None