

**LUZERNE
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #18**

**SECTION: PROGRAMS
TITLE: EQUAL ACCESS
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122. EQUAL ACCESS	
<p>1. Purpose 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p>Noncurriculum-related groups of secondary students shall be permitted to meet on Intermediate Unit premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting regardless of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.</p>
<p>2. Authority 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>The Board shall establish and maintain a limited open forum to comply with this policy.</p> <p>Such meetings shall be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the Intermediate Unit, its agents or employees.</p> <p>Availability and assignment of facilities, supplies and equipment necessary to conduct such meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p>
<p>3. Definition</p>	<p>Noninstructional time shall mean the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins, after actual classroom instruction ends, or during the lunch hour.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee may regulate the length of sessions, number per week and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall designate those areas within Intermediate Unit buildings, and those outside areas, authorized to serve as limited open forums</p> <p>Access to areas which have not been designated as limited open forums by the Executive Director or designee shall be prohibited.</p> <p>Intermediate Unit employees present at meetings which are religious in nature shall attend such meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity.</p> <p>An Intermediate Unit employee shall not be required to attend any meeting where the content of the speech is contrary to his/her beliefs.</p>

<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>Intermediate Unit administrators and staff retain the authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain order and discipline on Intermediate Unit premises. 2. Protect the well-being of students and employees. 3. Assure the attendance of students at such meetings is voluntary.
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>Nonschool individuals shall not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend such activities.</p>
<p>Guidelines Pol. 220, 913</p>	<p>Materials prepared for distribution on Intermediate Unit premises shall comply with the provisions of Board policy relating to the dissemination of materials.</p> <p>Student groups and their members shall not engage in any activity which is contrary to law and shall comply with all policies, regulations and rules of the Intermediate Unit.</p>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p>Student groups and their members shall not engage in any activity that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Materially and substantially interferes with the orderly operation of the Intermediate Unit’s educational activities. 2. Causes or threatens danger to public order, damage to Intermediate Unit property, or to the health, safety or welfare of any student, staff member or member of the public. <p>References:</p> <p>Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 220, 913</p>