

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AR 6145.51(a)

Instruction

School-sponsored Organizations

All school-sponsored organizations shall have a constitution approved by the principal of the school. Such constitution shall be kept on file in the school office.

All school organizations shall be sponsored by a member of the faculty who has been approved by the principal of the school. The sponsor shall approve the time and place of all meetings including all social and athletic events and other activities of the organization and shall be present throughout all such meetings.

Secret Organizations

It is unlawful for any pupil, enrolled in any elementary or secondary school of this state, to join or become a member of any secret fraternity, sorority, or club, wholly or partly formed from the membership of pupils attending the public schools, or to take part in the organization or formation of any fraternity, sorority, or secret club. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any pupil from joining the Order of Native Sons of the Golden West, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Foresters of America or other kindred organizations not directly associated with the public schools of the state.

Any governing board may enforce the provisions of Section 1052 by suspending or, if necessary, expelling a pupil in any elementary or secondary school who refuses or neglects to obey any rules prescribed pursuant to that section.

No student, or other person in attendance at any public, private, parochial, or military school, college, or other educational institution, shall conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces, or tends to injure, degrade, or disgrace any fellow student or person attending the institution.

The violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both. (Applies to Adults)

Any pupil found to be in violation of Section 10604 shall be suspended. Any pupil guilty of a second offence shall be suspended from school and may be reported by the principal through the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for expulsion.

Representing the school in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. In the intermediate and high schools of Santa Ana, each pupil must file a written statement stating that he or she is not a member of a secret fraternity, sorority, or other secure organization before he or she may be eligible to: (1) be a candidate for any school or class office; (2) represent his school in any athletic event; (3) become a member in any honor society or honor organization in the school; or (4) represent the school in any public contest, performance or capacity of any kind, belong to any school club or organization, or to be in any way connected with the management for school affairs.

Courts have defined "secret" organizations to be those organizations to which the membership is exclusive or "oathbound"; i.e., a social club whose membership is hand-picked rather than open to the student body at large would be considered "secret." It does not matter that the club openly advertised its existence.

The intent of the Legislature is to eliminate the establishment of exclusive social clubs. Thus, the statute would not be violated if the purpose, announced or unannounced, of the organization was, for example, "literary, charitable, or democratic."