

How to start a club at RIJH

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1) Start Here: What is your great Club Idea?

2) Think about your purpose—why are you wanting to create this club? Community service? Fun? School enrichment? Academic?

What do you hope to accomplish?

3) Who would be interested in, or attracted to join? Why?

In answering this, think about issues of:

Fairness & Access—Are there physical requirements, transportation requirements, academic requirements, or fees? Are you thinking of only a certain group of kids to join? How could these be overcome so that anyone could join and participate in a meaningful way?

Equity & Diversity—How can you make the club feel welcoming to students regardless of race, culture, class (7th, 8th, 9th), sex, identity:

4) Present a proposal to our ASB advisor (Mr. Willson) that answers questions 1, 2 & 3 above and also, when you will meet, where you will meet, who is involved in creating the club, and who your advisor could be (must be a staff person, or a cleared volunteer):

5) Arrangement with Mr. Willson to propose your idea to the general ASB.

6) Develop a formalized constitution (a set of guidelines for the club) that includes items 1-3 above, what the leadership structure will be (president, vice-president, etc.), and include a statement of how the club will tie in to the overall mission of RIJH -

7) Bring the constitution back to the general ASB to get it approved. Once approved, the general ASB recognizes the club as “official” and you are given an ASB budget.

