



# ***STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET***

**SCHOOL:** West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South

**ACTIVITY:** Club Approval

**DATE(S):** A Student Council meeting in early May

**CATEGORY:** Educational

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## **PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:**

This project is held at the end of every year in order to approve the student run school club applications. Students of all grade levels form groups and submit a club application that includes their intention in forming the group, what they aim to accomplish as a club and how it will benefit the school and community. It is the responsibility of the Student Council to evaluate the applications and determine whether or not the formation of such a group would be beneficial to our school.

## **DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:**

Club approval applications are released towards the middle of spring and students are given a few weeks to submit their applications. At the beginning of May, the Student Council and Vice Principal reviews these applications. In a council-wide discussion, the applications are either approved or turned down based on the goal of the club and whether or not the council deems that club will prove effective in its mission. Ultimately, the administration will either approve or turn down the recommendations the Student Council has made and all prospective clubs will be notified of their status.

## **DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:**

This project benefits the school because of the impact that the clubs can have on our school and community. Once approved, these clubs can go on to accomplish great feats and have an impact on the community. For example, all of the cultural clubs (including the Hispanic club, which is in its first year) will be holding the inaugural joint International Night in late March 2015. This event will feature performances from all of the cultural clubs and offer food from international cuisines to further exposure to new and different cultures. This is only one example of many clubs making a difference in the community.

## **EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:**

The process of selecting clubs is pretty efficient and effective. The entire council has the ability to voice their opinions and the discussion about the different clubs allows the council to reflect on what the school and community by extension is in need of. Obviously the administration has the final word as to which clubs are ultimately approved, but the Student Council is able to represent the needs of the student body that it serves in recommending what clubs should or shouldn't be approved. The only possible change we can think of is to possible encourage and further advertise the fact that students can apply to form clubs, because from speaking with the student body, not a lot of people are aware that they can form their own clubs (particularly the underclassmen).