

Community Use of School Facilities

The Board supports community activities and encourages use of district facilities for permitted uses when such use will not interfere with a school program.

This policy and the supporting procedure and fee schedule are intended to encourage community facility use. It reflects the district's priority for quality education, recognizes the community as a partner and recognizes the importance of prioritizing use of district facilities for youth related activities. The separate fee structure for user groups shall ensure that the district will spend its money directly on the education of youth while promoting community use of district facilities and community involvement in the schools.

School equipment is an integral asset of the district and important to the educational mission. For this reason school equipment may not be loaned, borrowed, or removed from district property. Community use activities conducted on district property may use some school equipment when approved on a contract.

The Board requires that the superintendent or designee develop a specific procedure for approval and scheduling of activities and a fee schedule for community use that supports this policy.

Eligible organizations

- Youth organizations and sports leagues
- Organizations connected with and promoting recognized school functions
- Government elections and precinct caucuses
- Police and fire department training
- Non-profit organizations engaging in fundraising activities to benefit students or the community.
- Adult organizations not engaging in for-profit activities.
- Certain for-profit organizations that support student and community education or enrichment.

All rentals of community use of school facilities shall be approved by the superintendent or designee on the basis of this policy and its accompanying procedure. Any exception to policy must be approved by the Board.

Any individual, group or organization using school property as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all district officers, agents and employees free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during, or be in any way caused by, such use or occupancy. When using school facilities, organizations may be required to furnish satisfactory liability insurance protection.

Approval for use of district facilities does not constitute district endorsement of any organization, the beliefs of the organization or group, the expression of any opinion regarding the nomination, retention, election, or defeat of any candidate, nor the expression of any opinion as to passage or defeat of any election issue.

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