

White Pass School District No. 303

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Policy No. 4260
Community Relations

Use of School Facilities

The board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for the community. The public is encouraged to use school facilities, but will be expected to reimburse the district for such use to ensure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. On recommendation of the superintendent, the board will set the rental rates schedule.

The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities will maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.

The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The district will provide copies of the district's nondiscrimination policy to all third parties using district facilities.

For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into three categories:

School or Child-Related Groups or Other Government Agencies

School or Child-related Groups or Other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of students, or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTA, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. When facilities are used outside of regular school hours, or when the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, established by the superintendent, will be charged to recoup those costs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.

Nonprofit Groups

Nonprofit groups and organizations may use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, entertainment, college courses, or other activities for which public halls or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The district will charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred. Excess charges may be waived when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes.

To be granted this exception, the charitable organization must be recognized by the Philanthropic Division of the Better Business Bureau. Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fund-raisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities.

Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the request of the district. Nonprofit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use district

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facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate, but for no more than two years and may not average more than twelve hours of use per week.

Commercial Enterprises

Commercial Enterprises include profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the district would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented for non-regular use at the prevailing rate charged by commercial facilities in the area.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities will not be considered as endorsement or approval of the activity, group or organization.

Legal References:	<u>RCW 4.24.660</u>	Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs
	<u>RCW 28A.320.510</u>	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	<u>RCW 28A.335.150</u>	Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
	<u>RCW 28A.335.155</u>	Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
	<u>20 USC Sec. 7905</u>	Boys Scout of America Equal Access Act
	<u>34 CFR Sec. 108.6</u>	Equal Access to Public School Facilities For The Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups
	<u>AGO 1973 No. 26, Initiative No. 276</u>	School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections

Management Resources: *Policy News*, August 2009

Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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Application for use of school facilities shall be made to the facilities coordinator.

Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that the fund raiser:

- A. Is recognized by the Philanthropic Division of the Better Business Bureau;
- B. Is registered and bonded by the state of Washington; and
- C. Will give the charity at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues.

The superintendent shall develop and recommend to the board a fee schedule applicable for use of school facilities. The fee schedule shall be evaluated on a biennial basis.

Sponsoring organizations shall provide sufficient, competent adult and/or special supervision, and the amount of adequate supervision shall be agreed upon at the time the authorization is issued.

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs shall not be permitted in school facilities or on school property at any time. Tobacco use is prohibited in school facilities and on school property.

All applicants for use of school facilities shall hold the district free and without harm from any loss or damage, liability or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way by such use or occupancy of school facilities. Also, in the event that property loss or damage is incurred during such use or occupancy, the amount of damage shall be decided by the superintendent and approved by the board and a bill for damages shall be presented to the group using or occupying the facilities during the time the loss or damage was sustained.

All applicants for use of school facilities shall maintain accident and liability insurance for persons using district facilities under the applicant's sponsorship in an amount not less than \$50,000 due to bodily injury or death of one person or at least \$100,000 due to bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any incident. If use of the district's facilities is to be ongoing, the applicant shall provide evidence to the district once every thirty days that the insurance remains in effect.

The superintendent possesses the authority to make the decision on use of school facilities by a group. The group may appeal such decision to the board.

Because of the value of district's playing fields to the community's total recreational opportunity, the fields may be used by all residents. The use must be appropriate and compatible with each play field and its surrounding area. Such use shall not result in destruction, damages, or undue wear or pose a hazard to children or others. Activities which endanger others or cause damage to fields and lawns are restricted. Should damage to fields and lawns occur, the superintendent shall make reasonable effort to obtain restitution for the damage.

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