

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

School district facilities and equipment are purchased, maintained, and operated by funds largely provided by local taxes. The Board believes the facilities and equipment ultimately belong to the residents of the district and accepts the responsibility for making them available to responsible organizations and individuals of the community for appropriate activities. These activities may not infringe upon nor interfere with the conduct and best interests of the school district or its programs.

### **Prohibited Activities**

The following activities will be prohibited on school grounds or in school facilities.

1. Partisan political meetings.
2. Promulgating any theory or doctrine subversive to the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof advocating governmental change by violence.
3. Any activity that may violate the canons of good morals, manners or taste, or be injurious to the buildings, grounds or equipment.
4. Any purpose in conflict with school activities.
5. Commercial advertising.
6. Fund-raising campaigns except as permitted by Board policy or special action of the Board.
7. Activities which are discriminatory in the legal sense.

Permission may be granted to allow local colleges and universities, which may charge tuition, or school personnel to use district facilities for staff improvement or in-service training. Private teaching, either by individuals employed by the school district or by outside agencies or persons, for which tuition is charged will require Board approval before facilities may be used.

The superintendent will develop regulations to be reviewed by the board for the use of school district facilities and equipment.

## **Granting of Approval**

The superintendent is authorized to approve and arrange for scheduling the use of school facilities by qualified applicants who satisfy the above purposes and limitations. Right is reserved by the Board to revoke any such permit, without liability, should such action be deemed necessary or desirable.

Applicants will be required to submit a facility use agreement declaring that to the best of their knowledge their projected use is legal. Applicants requesting permission to use a school building will be held responsible for the preservation of order and for any damage to school facilities. The person signing the application will agree to replace or pay for all damages or lost equipment or material when directed to do so by the school administration. If replacement is required for damaged property, replacement costs will be the measure, and depreciation will not be a factor. In addition, users of the facility will be required to hold the district harmless for all damages and personal injury that may occur during their utilization.

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