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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Since the district schools belong to the people of the school district, and since the district plant facilities are established, maintained, and operated by funds largely provided by local taxes, the Board accepts the responsibility for making its plant facilities available to responsible organizations, associations, and individuals of the community for appropriate civic, cultural, welfare, or recreational activities. These activities may not infringe upon nor interfere with the conduct and best interests of the school district or its programs.

More specifically, it is the Board's intention to grant the use of school facilities for activities of a cultural, educational, civic, social, recreational, governmental, and general political nature which are to be sponsored by responsible, recognized local persons, organizations, agencies, or institutions. The superintendent will develop regulations to be approved by the Board for the use of these facilities. The schedule of rental fees will be determined by the Board. All rentals will be limited to civic and nonprofit organizations. Use of school equipment outside of school facilities for other than school district purposes or functions will not be permitted.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITES

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.

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Permission may be granted by the Board to allow local colleges and universities, which may charge tuition, or school personnel to use district facilities for staff improvement or inservice training. Other private teaching, either by staff members employed by the school district or by any other outside agencies or persons, for which tuition is charged will require Board approval before facilities may be used.

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 statement 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.

Legal References: SDCL 13-24-20

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