

Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to the community during non-school hours when such use does not:

1. interfere with any school function or affect the safety of students or employees, or
2. affect the property or liability of the District.

The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations and other groups. The use of school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures.

Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Student groups, school-related organizations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are granted the use of school facilities at no costs during regularly staffed hours. Fees and costs shall apply during non-regularly staffed hours and to other organizations granted use of facilities at any time. A fee schedule and other terms of use shall be prepared by the Superintendent and be subject to annual approval by the Board.

Authorized Organizations

The following groups may be permitted the use of the school and in the following order of priority. If any group of a higher priority schedules a facility that is in conflict with a group in a lower priority, then the group with the higher priority will be given preference. Groups of the same priority will be granted use of the facility on a first come-first served basis.

1. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses.
2. Organizations whose activities are directly related to the educational objectives of the school such as meetings of and entertainment by our students; under the supervision of teachers or responsible adults.
3. Units of local government for governmental purposes.
4. Non-profit organizations including: local Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Band, 4-H Club, the P.T.O. and all future related school groups that the Board might designate by proper Board action.
5. Local Homeowners Associations (for Association Board meeting purposes only).
6. Private local individuals or
7. Non-local private individual or organizations engaged in fee-based activities. No social activity uses for this group are permitted.

Rental Charges for Use of School Facilities

Charges will be determined on the basis of types of organizations and facilities used and will be delineated in the then current Facility Use Form and procedures.

The Superintendent (or designee) shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's (or designee's) approval and is subject to the procedures. The Superintendent may deny use of the facility.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7905. Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.
10 ILCS 5/1-Election Code
105 ILCS 5/10-20.41, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.
Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 533 U.S. 98 (2001).
Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 508 U.S. 384 (1993).
Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

CROSS REF.: 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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