

Use of School Facilities

The Board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons.

District, district-sponsored or district-affiliated activities retain first priority in the use of all school district facilities.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered endorsement or approval of the activity, group or organization, or for the ideals or beliefs represented. The district may require any user to include a disclaimer of endorsement/approval/sponsorship in any materials distributed in conjunction with the use of the facility.

Applications for facility use will be available in the school buildings and online on the district web page. Building principals may approve activities with completed forms and proof of insurance.

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 \$1,000,000 of liability insurance.

Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must submit a signed statement of compliance with the policies described in RCW 28A.600 for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports (see policy 3422).

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 but must be requested through completion of facility use forms. 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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