

Board Policy

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Use of School Facilities and Playfields

The board believes that the public schools are owned and operated by and for the community. The public is encouraged to use the school facilities and playfields and 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 and playfields, 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 and playfields 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 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, Camp Fire, PTA, 4-H, city, or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses, and governmental groups. The district will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives.

When facilities are used outside of regular school hours or when the district incurs

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extra utility, cleaning, or supervisor 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 injuries in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.

No fee will be charged for use of the facilities provided that additional district staff is not required to supervise or clean the facilities. A rental charge will be established to recover additional utility costs which are incurred, or in the event school staff are required to be on duty, to reimburse the district for the costs of providing services.

Greater Spokane League (GSL) teams are not charged a fee when playing Central Valley School District schools.

The district may have joint use agreements with municipalities whereby the school district permits the municipality to use its facilities, for recreational programs and, in turn, municipalities permit the school district to use its facilities where needed.

Nonprofit Groups

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

Professional fundraisers 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 facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate.

Commercial Enterprises

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

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commercial facilities in the area. The Executive Director of Finance will set the use fee at the prevailing rate in the community.

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 of or approval of the activity group or organization.

The user of district property will sign a statement on a standard form provided by the principal of each school that indemnifies and holds harmless the district from and against all insurable losses, including claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgements of every nature and description brought and recovered against the district by reason of any act or omission of the user.

Cross Reference:
Board Policy 3422

Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries

Legal References:
RCW 28A.230.180

Access to campus and student information directories by official recruiting representatives — Informing students of educational and career opportunities.

RCW 28A.320.510

Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for.

RCW 28A.335.150

Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities

RCW 28A.335.155
RCW 4.24.660

Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs

20 USC Sec. 7905
34 CFR Sec. 108.6

Boys Scout of America Equal Access Act
Equal Access to Public School Facilities For The Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups

AGO 1973 No. 26

Initiative No. 276 - School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections

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