

## **Community Use of School District Facilities**

### **Purpose**

This policy encourages and prescribes community or staff use of district grounds or facilities that do not conflict with its educational or extra-curricular activities.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the Board, Superintendent, administrators, Facilities Supervisor, district employees, volunteers and community members.

### **Policy**

1. The Board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for the community. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but 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.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities may be requested to maintain insurance for accident and liability covering their activities while in the school facility.
3. The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender 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.
4. District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities.
5. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of, or approval of, the activity, group or organization using district facilities, nor for the purposes it represents.

### **Related Procedures**

4260P1-Community Use of School District Facilities

4260P2-Use of School Facilities-Staff Guidelines and Requirements

4260P3-Hospitality

6700P1-Nutrition and Physical Fitness

**Policy Cross References**

2340-Religious Related Activities or Practices

3423-Student Concussion, Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

6700-Nutrition and Physical Fitness

**Policy Legal References**

RCW 28A.335 – School Districts’ Property

RCW 28A.320.510 – Use of facilities for night school, summer school and meetings

RCW 28A.335.150 – Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields or athletic facilities

RCW 28A.335.155 – Use of buildings for youth programs – Limited immunity

RCW 28A.600 – Students

RCW 4.24.660 – Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs

20 USC Sec. 7905 – Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act

34 CFR Sec. 108.6 – 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

**Management Resources**

*Policy News*, August 2009 – Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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