

Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities (Buildings and Grounds)

- I. This policy is designed to encourage use of school facilities by those outside groups and agencies which supplement the educational, cultural and recreational activities of the children and the community. The Board encourages outside community groups to use school buildings and grounds when they are not in use for school purposes. School facilities, however, will not be available to outside groups during school vacations and holidays except at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. In addition, an outside group may be denied the use of school facilities if, in the judgment of the Superintendent or his/her designee, its activities:
- involve commercial advertising (unless allowed by policy #1325)
 - advocate the overthrow of federal, state or local government or governmental agencies or advocate any other illegal activity
 - violate the canons of good morals, manners, or taste according to the standards of the community
 - pose a risk of injury to individuals, buildings, grounds or equipment of the schools
 - are likely to lead to the violation of any other Board policy
- II. The Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for classifying, approving and scheduling the use of school facilities by community organizations. Most groups using the schools fall into one of the categories listed below. These categories are listed in the order of preference by which they will be approved.
- Group A. Emergency and life saving government activities
- Group B. School sponsored activities
- Group C. Adult Continuing Education Program
- Group D. Parent-Teacher Organizations
- Group E. Town boards and commissions, state and federal governmental agencies
- Group F. Civic, religious, and fraternal organizations
- Group G. Business organizations
- Group H. Other community groups or commercial ventures.

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- III. The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop regulations to govern the use of facilities and school equipment and the need for custodians and/or constable protection. The organization may be required to pay directly for these services.