

## Policy 7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education believes that the school facilities of this district should be made available for community purposes, provided that such use does not interfere with the educational program of the schools.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested in writing and has been approved by the Assistant Superintendent for Business except that the Board reserves the right to withdraw permission after it has been granted.

In weighing competing requests for the use of school facilities, the Board will give priority to the following uses, in the descending order given:

1. Uses and groups directly related to the schools and the operations of the schools, including pupil and teacher groups;
2. Uses and organizations indirectly related to the schools, including the P.T.A.;
3. Departments and agencies of municipal government;
4. Governmental agencies generally;
5. Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, social, or educational purposes;
6. Community church groups;
7. Community political organizations;

The use of school facilities will not be granted for the advantage of any commercial or profit-making organization, partisan political activity, private social function, or any purpose that is prohibited by law.

Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by district regulations. Users shall be financially liable for damage to the facilities and for proper chaperonage.

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted in accordance with Policy No. 7520. The users of school equipment must accept liability for any damage or loss to such equipment that occurs while it is in their use, regardless of any assignment of negligence. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified operator.

The Board shall approve annually a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities.

All organizations or persons granted the use of a facility shall pay in advance the scheduled fee and the cost of any additional staff services required by the use.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the use of school facilities; such regulations shall be distributed to every user of the facilities and every applicant for the use of school facilities. Permission to use school facilities shall be granted only to persons and organizations that agree in writing to be bound by these regulations.

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