

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Policy Statement – The Board of Education believes that the public schools are owned and operated for its patrons and that the schools are an integral part of the community's intellectual and social expression and development. The Board encourages the public use of school facilities consistent with the provisions of the Board's policies. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not constitute an endorsement of or approval of the activity, group or organization.

Use of School Facilities Generally – Use of School District facilities shall be governed by this policy and Administrative Guidelines which shall be consistent with this policy. The following general rules shall govern the use of District facilities:

1. Organizations which desire to use a District facility must contract with the District in advance of the activity. Arrangements shall be made through the District's Business office consistent with Board of Education policies and Administrative Guidelines.
2. Use of District facilities shall not conflict with school or school sponsored programs or activities.
3. District facilities shall not be used for the purpose of advancing any doctrine or theory subversive to the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri and/or of the United States or for any purpose that may be detrimental or destructive to the District's grounds, buildings, furniture, fixtures or other equipment.
4. Any organization which is granted the right to use District facilities shall be responsible for the direct supervision of the activity.
5. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not constitute an endorsement or approval of the activity, group or organization.

Use of School Facilities by Non-public School Organizations – School facilities may be used by the following organizations:

1. Non-for-Profit Organizations - District facilities may be used by not-for-profit corporations and established not-for-profit organizations which are located within the School District for civic, social and educational purposes. Before such usage shall be permitted, the organization shall agree in writing to pay a fair and adequate consideration established by the District for such facilities. The organization shall carry comprehensive public liability insurance in such amounts as required by the District, shall file a certificate showing that the District has

been included as an additional insured in such policy and shall agree in writing to indemnify the District for any loss occasioned by the use of the facilities.

2. Governmental Organizations - Governmental organizations such as the City of Springfield, County of Greene, State of Missouri and the United States Government and their respective governmental agencies, may be permitted to use District facilities. The governmental body shall carry comprehensive public liability insurance in such amounts as required by the District and shall file a certificate showing that the District has been included as an additional insured. In lieu of this requirement, the governmental body may elect to agree in writing to indemnify the District for any loss occasioned by the use of the facilities.
3. Other Organizations - There are non-sectarian, non-political, not-for-profit, membership unrestricted organizations which complement and support the organized educational program of the public schools. Such organizations shall be allowed to use District facilities for meetings without charge in accordance with approved Administrative Guidelines.
4. For-Profit Organizations - The Board of Education may, on a case-by-case basis, contract with a for-profit corporation or entity which is located within the District for use of District athletic facilities for athletic purposes. The organization shall, at a minimum, be required to carry comprehensive public liability insurance in such amounts as required by the District, file a certificate showing that the District has been included as an additional insured and shall agree in writing to indemnify the District for any loss occasioned by the use of the facilities.

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