

# **Stadium and Athletic Facility Use**

## **Purpose and Intent**

The Board of Directors recognizes the District Stadium and Athletic Complex as one of the District's most significant public assets and an important investment in the education of students and the quality of life within the Goldendale community. The facility exists first and foremost to support student learning, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, physical education, school events, and other educational purposes that advance the District's mission.

The Board further recognizes that the Stadium and Athletic Complex serves as a gathering place for students, families, residents, and visitors, reflecting the pride, values, traditions, and reputation of Goldendale School District. Accordingly, the Board is committed to ensuring that the facility is managed in a manner that balances educational priorities, responsible community access, public accountability, fiscal responsibility, safety, and the long-term stewardship of this important public investment.

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## **Regional and Community Significance**

The Board recognizes that the District Stadium and Athletic Complex contributes not only to the educational experience of Goldendale students, but also to the educational, recreational, cultural, and civic life of the greater Goldendale community and surrounding region.

The facility may appropriately host athletic competitions, educational activities, community celebrations, regional events, and other approved gatherings that promote student achievement, strengthen community partnerships, encourage civic engagement, and enhance the visibility of the District.

The Board encourages appropriate community and regional use of the Stadium and Athletic Complex when such use is consistent with the District's educational mission, does not interfere with District programs, and can be accommodated in a manner that protects the safety, security, and long-term preservation of the facility. Responsible community use enhances the public value of the District's investment while ensuring that the facility remains available for future generations of students.

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## **Guiding Principles**

The Board adopts the following principles to guide the management and use of the District Stadium and Athletic Complex.

### **A. Student-Centered Use**

The educational program of the District, including curricular, co-curricular, extracurricular, and interscholastic activities, shall receive first priority in scheduling and use of the facility.

### **B. Stewardship**

The Stadium and Athletic Complex shall be managed and maintained in a manner that preserves its condition, functionality, appearance, safety, and useful life for current and future generations of students.

### **C. Community Access**

When such use does not interfere with District programs or compromise the condition, safety, or security of the facility, the Board encourages appropriate community use consistent with Board policy and administrative procedures.

### **D. Safety**

The safety of students, staff, participants, volunteers, officials, spectators, and members of the public shall be a primary consideration in all decisions regarding facility use.

### **E. Fiscal Responsibility**

Users of the Stadium and Athletic Complex may be required to reimburse the District for costs associated with their use, including staffing, utilities, maintenance, security, equipment, and repair or replacement of damaged property, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

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## **Stewardship and Long-Range Planning**

The Board recognizes its responsibility to protect and preserve the Stadium and Athletic Complex as a long-term public investment. The Board expects the facility to be managed in a manner that supports preventive maintenance, responsible use, planned capital renewal, and sound financial stewardship in order to maximize the useful life of the facility and minimize future replacement costs.

The Superintendent shall manage the Stadium and Athletic Complex in a manner that reflects the Board's commitment to stewardship, long-term asset preservation, fiscal responsibility, and responsible community access. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Superintendent shall

consider the long-term condition and sustainability of the facility when establishing administrative procedures, approving facility use, recommending maintenance priorities, and developing long-range capital improvement plans.

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### **Administrative Authority**

The Superintendent is authorized to establish and implement administrative procedures governing the operation and use of the District Stadium and Athletic Complex.

Administrative procedures may include, but are not limited to:

- Scheduling priorities;
- Facility use applications and approvals;
- Operational requirements;
- Staffing requirements;
- User fees, deposits, and cost recovery;
- Insurance and risk management requirements;
- Safety and security standards;
- Maintenance and field preservation standards;
- Restrictions on activities, equipment, and facility access;
- Event management expectations;
- Weather-related closures and cancellations; and
- Other requirements necessary to ensure the safe, efficient, fiscally responsible, and sustainable operation of the Stadium and Athletic Complex.

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### **Preservation of District Assets**

The Board directs that the Stadium and Athletic Complex be operated in a manner that protects the District's substantial public investment.

Use of the facility shall not unreasonably accelerate wear, create avoidable maintenance costs, diminish the useful life of the facility, or interfere with the District's ability to provide high-quality educational and athletic programs.

The Superintendent is authorized to limit, modify, suspend, or deny use of the facility whenever such action is necessary to:

- Protect public safety;
- Preserve the condition or integrity of the facility;
- Accommodate District programs and priorities;
- Comply with applicable law or regulations;
- Address weather or environmental conditions;
- Perform maintenance, repairs, or capital improvements; or
- Otherwise protect the interests of the District.

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## Priority of Use

District instructional programs and District-sponsored activities shall receive priority over all other uses of the Stadium and Athletic Complex.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures that provide a fair, transparent, equitable, and consistent process for scheduling all other authorized uses.

Authorization to use the Stadium and Athletic Complex does not constitute District sponsorship or endorsement of any organization, event, or activity.

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## Board Oversight

The Board retains governance responsibility for the long-term stewardship of the District Stadium and Athletic Complex as a significant public asset.

The Superintendent shall keep the Board appropriately informed regarding matters of strategic significance affecting the facility, including substantial maintenance or capital improvement needs, significant operational issues, material damage or liability concerns, and recommendations requiring Board consideration or action.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require routine operational reporting or Board approval of matters delegated to the Superintendent through this policy or its accompanying administrative procedures.

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## Compliance

All users of the Stadium and Athletic Complex shall comply with applicable federal and state laws, Board policies, administrative procedures, facility rules, and any conditions established by the District as part of the approval process.

Organizations using the Stadium and Athletic Complex shall maintain insurance, provide all required documentation, assume responsibility for damages or extraordinary costs arising from their use, and comply with all District requirements established through administrative procedures.

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## Relationship to Policy 4260

This policy supplements **Board Policy 4260 – Use of School Facilities**. Unless specifically modified by this policy or its accompanying administrative procedure, all provisions of Policy 4260 remain applicable to the use of the District Stadium and Athletic Complex.

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**Cross References**

- Board Policy 4260 – Use of School Facilities
- Procedure 4265P – Use of the District Stadium and Athletic Complex
- Other applicable Board policies and administrative procedures.

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