

BP 1330 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Note: [A.S. 14.03.100](#) authorizes boards to grant the use of school facilities for lawful gatherings and assemblies and mandates that boards adopt written bylaws to ensure reasonable and impartial use of school facilities. If challenged, the district should be prepared to legally defend the reasonableness of its rules. The following sample policy may be revised to reflect local philosophy and needs. The district should be able to provide supporting rationale for its policy/regulations; that is, the policy/regulations must be deemed to be "reasonable."

Note: Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, districts that make their premises and facilities available for use by youth and community groups must apply that policy equitably to all groups, including the Boy Scouts or other affiliated groups. Specifically, schools are prohibited from denying equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts or any other youth group "for reasons based on membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country."

The Board believes that the schools belong to the citizens of the community and that community use of the school facilities fosters understanding and support for school programs. The Board shall make school facilities and grounds available to citizens and community groups for lawful gatherings and assemblies to the extent that such use serves the interests of the citizens and does not conflict with school or district purposes. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations governing the reasonable and impartial use of school facilities and grounds by community members or groups.

Members of organizations using school facilities during the school day are reminded to be mindful of minimizing disruptions to the school instructional program. Scheduling of facilities that results in early dismissal of students is strongly discouraged and requires the approval of the Superintendent.

Event organizers are required to work with school staff in advance of events held during the school day to plan structured learning opportunities for students, which allow students to gain educational value from the event.

(cf. 0100 - Educational Philosophy)

(cf. 0430 - Community School Program)

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

[04.16.080](#) Sales or consumption at school events

[14.03.100](#) Use of school facilities

14.36.010 - 14.36.070 Community schools

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