## COMMUNITY RELATIONS NONSCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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SCOPE OF USE

The District shall permit nonschool use of designated District facilities for educational, recreational, civic, or social activities when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

Approval shall not be granted for any purpose that would damage school property or to any group that has damaged District property.

Note:

See the following policies for other information regarding facilities use:

- Use by employee professional organizations: DGA
- Use of facilities for school-sponsored and schoolrelated activities: FM
- Use by noncurriculum-related student groups: FNAB
- Use by District-affiliated school-support organizations: GE

NONPROFIT FUND-RAISING The District shall permit nonprofit organizations to conduct fundraising events on District property when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

FOR-PROFIT USE

The District shall not permit individuals or for-profit organizations to use its facilities for financial gain; however, the District shall permit private academic instruction, as well as public performances, recitals, or presentations so long as no admission fee is charged, when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

**SCHEDULING** 

Requests for nonschool use of District facilities shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Use shall be limited to organizations that have at least three-fourths of their membership residing within the District. Organizations may be required to submit an official roster of members. Any organizations in good standing using District facilities prior to June 1, 2015, shall be grandfathered from having at least three-fourths of their membership residing in the District.

Academic and extracurricular activities sponsored by the District shall always have priority when any use is scheduled. [See FM] The Superintendent or designee shall have authority to cancel a scheduled nonschool use if an unexpected conflict arises with a District activity.

APPROVAL OF USE

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to approve use of any District facility.

**EXCEPTION** 

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No approval shall be required for periodic nonschool-related unorganized recreational use of the District's unlocked, outdoor recreational facilities, such as but not limited to, the track, playgrounds, tennis courts, and playing fields, when the facilities are not in use by the District or for a scheduled nonschool purpose.

The exception does not include repetitive or frequent unapproved use by organized sport teams, such as but not limited to, youth football, soccer, lacrosse, and baseball. The Superintendent or designee may prohibit use by anyone or any group that causes damage to the District's facilities, such as but not limited to, the track, playgrounds, tennis courts, and playing fields.

**EMERGENCY USE** 

In case of emergencies or disasters, the Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of school facilities by civil defense, health, or emergency service authorities.

REPEATED USE

The District shall permit repeated use by any group or organization for nonschool purposes for no longer than one year. The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to approve use by any group or organization for nonschool purposes for a second year. Requests for a third year or longer shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

**EXCEPTION** 

The limitations on repeated use by a nonschool group or organization shall not apply to any group or organization when the primary participants in the activities are school-aged children.

**USE AGREEMENT** 

Any organization or individual approved for a nonschool use of District facilities shall be required to complete a written agreement indicating receipt and understanding of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations, and acknowledging that the District is not liable for any personal injury or damages to personal property related to the nonschool use.

FEES FOR USE

Nonschool users shall be charged a fee for the use of designated facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and publish a schedule of fees based on the cost of the physical operation of the facilities, as well as any applicable personnel costs for supervision, custodial services, food services, security, and technology services.

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Persons or groups using school facilities shall:

- 1. Conduct business in an orderly manner.
- 2. Abide by all laws and policies, including but not limited to those prohibiting the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic

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- beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms, and the use of tobacco products on school property. [See GKA]
- 3. Make no alteration, temporary or permanent, to school property without prior written consent from the Superintendent.

All groups using school facilities shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damages incurred during use and shall be required to indemnify the District for the cost of any such repairs. The District reserves the right to request the services of a police officer if there is a safety concern surrounding an event. The cost of the police officer would be included in the facility usage fee.

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