

Policy 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to community organizations during non-school hours when such use does not: (1) interfere with any school function or affect the safety of students or employees, or (2) affect the property or liability of the School District. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations and other groups. The use of school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures.

Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Student groups, school-related organizations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are granted the use of school facilities at no costs during regularly staffed hours. Facilities and grounds will not be made available to individuals for personal or social reasons or to business enterprises for commercial gain. Fees and costs shall apply during non-regularly staffed hours and to other organizations granted use of facilities at any time. A fee schedule and other terms of use shall be prepared by the Superintendent and be subject to annual approval by the Board. All non-school sponsored groups, before using the facilities during non-regularly staffed hours, must provide a certificate of insurance naming the District as an *additional insured* or otherwise show proof of insurance.

LEGAL REF.:

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, [20 U.S.C. §7905](#).

[10 ILCS 5/19-2.2](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.40](#), [5/10-22.10](#), and [5/29-3.5](#).

[Good News Club v. Milford Central School](#), 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001).

[Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District](#), 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).

[Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va.](#), 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

CROSS REF.: [8:25](#) (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), [8:30](#) (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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