

Community Relations

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Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to community groups during non-school hours when such use does not: (1) interfere with any school function or 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 unless those other uses have been approved by the District via a written agreement with a local government or partner that is not affiliated with the school or District. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Recognized community groups may use school facilities free of charge when such use does not require the school district to incur costs for staff overtime. Otherwise, a fee shall be charged for the use of school facilities pursuant to schedules which shall be approved annually by the Board of Education.

Community recreation organizations that charge fees for participation in their programs will also be expected to pay appropriate costs for using school facilities.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's approval and is subject to the procedures.

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1, Election Code

105 ILCS 5/10-20.41, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 533 U.S. 98 (2001).

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 508 U.S. 384 (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)