

Community Use of School Facilities

The Lakeland Joint School District welcomes the use of its facilities by members of the surrounding community for all types of activities. School facilities are available to the community for education, civic, cultural, and other uses consistent with the public interest, when such use does not interfere with the school program or school-sponsored activities. Use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times and shall comply with the policies of this Board.

The Board shall have the responsibility for the care and keeping of all school buildings. They shall have authority to open any or all school properties belonging to the district for purposes that keep with the general philosophy of the District. The Board of Trustees may, at any time it thinks best, refuse to allow usage of any school facility or property. The Superintendent or his or her designee also has the authority to reject any or all applications for rental or use of District facilities and equipment.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered an endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group or organization nor the purposes they represent.

Student and school-related organizations shall be granted the use of school facilities at no cost. Other organizations granted the use of the facility shall pay fees and costs, except those entities which are otherwise exempt by contractual relationship, by statute, or by joint powers agreements between governmental units\agencies executed as authorized by the statutes of the State of Idaho.

Churches or religious organizations may rent school facilities for religious services. Facility usage for religious organizations is intended as temporary use for groups that are seeking their own permanent quarters, or groups that temporarily have no quarters. When submitting a new facility request or renewal request, churches or religious organizations shall provide written evidence that they have an active plan and program to obtain a permanent facility to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities and is hereby authorized to determine the rental fees to be assessed for the usage of school facilities and equipment. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's his or her designee's approval and is subject to the procedures. Requests for use of the school facilities must be submitted in advance of the event to the Superintendent's office. It is the intent of the Board that any rental fees or charges be uniformly applied.

Legal Reference:

I.C. § 33-506 Organization and Government of Board of Trustees

I.C. § 33-601 Real and personal property – Acquisition, use or disposal of same.

I.C. § 33-602 Use of school property or buildings for senior citizen centers

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141

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