# CENTRAL YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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1. Purpose

In recognition of the fact that the public schools are established, maintained, and operated by funds provided by local taxes and state sources, and that the schools belong to the community, the Board shall make its facilities available to responsible organizations and associations of the community, without discrimination, for appropriate civic, cultural welfare, or recreational activities which do not interfere with the best interests of the district and its students.

2. Authority

The Board shall normally approve all requests for use of school facilities; however, the Superintendent shall have blanket authority to grant the use of school facilities for activities of the Central York School District PTO's, booster groups, and meetings of organized employee groups of the district. If any use of the facilities by any school group involves fundraising (a charge beyond the cost of the activity), a special request for fundraising must be made to the Board.

The Board reserves the right to deny permission to use its facilities, consistent with applicable law, when it deems this action to be in the best interests of the district. Use of facilities shall not be granted for activities/groups which will, or are likely to, interfere with ingress/egress to school property or otherwise interfere with, disrupt or detract from district educational processes, programs, events or extracurricular activities.

The Board shall determine the required extent and nature of responsible supervision, custodial services, and police protection.

SC 775

The Board shall establish a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities by approved groups.

3. Guidelines

A rental application form and schedule of charges and conditions for the use of school facilities and buildings will be provided to organizations requesting use of facilities.

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All requests for the use or rental of school facilities must be made on a standard Facility Rental form and received by the Superintendent at least forty-five (45) days prior to the anticipated date of use. Approval of requests at a regular Board meeting must precede any announcement or advertisement of the event.

No use or rental of school facilities will be considered until it is determined that such use or rental does not conflict with any educational program of the district.

Evidence of liability insurance coverage in the required amount with the district named as additional insured must be provided before the actual event.

#### Use Of Outdoor Facilities – Athletic Fields And Playgrounds

The Board encourages appropriate use of available outdoor recreational facilities by existing community groups within the district. Priority of use will be in accordance with the following order: (1) school groups, (2) organized youth groups, and (3) adult groups.

Due to the level of maintenance required, outside groups will be considered on an individual basis.

Authorized use of the field will be granted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1. A completed Facility Rental form must be filed at least forty-five (45) days before anticipated use.
- 2. Evidence of liability coverage of at least \$500,000, with the district named as additional insured, must accompany the application.
- 3. All requests for similar use will be held until it is determined that all usual requests are included. A meeting of all interested users will be held each season to determine scheduled use.
- 4. A schedule of use of each field will be developed in accordance with the established classifications.
- 5. After a schedule is developed, each organization will be notified of their authorized use.
- 6. A contract noting the terms and conditions will be forwarded to the responsible individual of each group for a signature and returned to the district.

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The use of the field does not include the operation of concessions unless specifically approved by the Board.

The district reserves the right to cancel any previously approved use if the weather conditions are such that play would unduly damage the playing field.

The building principal shall notify organizations that the scheduled use of the field may be restricted to avoid conflicts with parking for other school events scheduled on the same site.

#### **Prohibited Activities**

#### SC 511

The following activities are strictly prohibited in school facilities when individuals and community groups are granted written permission to use said school facilities:

- 1. Possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and/or alcoholic beverages.
- 2. Possession of weapons.
- 3. Conduct that would alter, damage or be injurious to any district property, equipment or furnishings.
- 4. Conduct that would constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, and/or state and federal laws and regulations.

10 P.S.

Sec. 311 et seq Title 61

Sec. 901.701

35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C.

Sec. 7182, 7183

5. Gambling, games of chance, lotteries, raffles or other activities requiring a license under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, unless such activity has been expressly authorized by the Board or administration.

6. Use of tobacco products.

#### **Violations**

## SC 511

The school district reserves the right to remove from school district premises any individual or community group who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy and established procedures.

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In the event an individual or community group violates this policy or the terms under which permission was granted to use school facilities, that individual or community group forfeits the right to submit future written requests to use school district property, unless otherwise decided by the Board. References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 775, 779 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1 Department of Revenue Regulations – 61 PA Code Sec. 901.1, 901.701 Local Option Small Games of Chance Act – 10 P.S. Sec. 311 et seq. School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq. Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7905 Board Policy – 000