

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

6035

References: KRS 162.050
Relates to: Policy 6025

PURPOSE OF USE

School buildings and facilities are maintained primarily for public education and, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be used exclusively for that purpose. No use may be made of the buildings or facilities which restricts their effective use for educational purposes. The following general conditions apply to the use of school property by school and community groups:

6035.01 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages and any controlled substance in the school building or on the grounds is prohibited.

6035.015 SMOKING

The use of any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes, and any vaping device is prohibited on all property owned, leased, or operated by the Oldham County Board of Education. This prohibition applies to all buildings and outdoor venues owned, leased, or operating by the Oldham County Schools.

6035.02 BOARD DISAPPROVAL OF USE

Disregard of the rules and regulations governing the use of school buildings and facilities shall result in the refusal of the Board to grant the offending organization further use of the building and facilities.

6035.03 DAMAGE DURING USE

In case of damage to a building or equipment by a group using a building, the principal shall immediately send a written report to the Director of Facilities Management and the responsible person of the group using the building. Subsequent use of school facilities by said group is prohibited until a settlement agreeable to the Board is made.

6035.04 GAMBLING

Gambling on the school premises is prohibited except for raffles conducted by licensed charitable organizations that are approved fundraising activities. A school group wishing to hold a raffle must have the raffle listed on their approved fundraising list. Any licensing required by the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be obtained by the organization prior to the event).

6035.05 LENDING SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board has adopted the Attorney General's ruling on use of school property which states that school properties such as tables, chairs, etc., can be used only for school purposes. The Board therefore, cannot lend school property to community organizations. *KRS 180 and 184.*

6035.06 MOVING OF EQUIPMENT

No school equipment may be moved without approval of the principal.

6035.07 PRESENCE OF AN EMPLOYEE DURING USE

No school building shall be opened for use by a community group when normally closed without an approved employee of the school system present. The school employee shall in no way be responsible for the conduct of persons present.

6035.08 OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Outdoor sports equipment may not be used in school buildings except during conditioning exercises. Outdoor sports teams may rent gymnasiums or other areas for conditioning only.

6035.09 SCHEDULE OF USE

School groups may use the buildings and facilities for regular meetings at any time scheduled by the principal without charge. (Regular meetings are defined as definitely scheduled or called meetings for the general transactions of business or program). For most groups one or two such meetings a month would be considered normal.

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6035.10 USE OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST

The Board does not approve the use of school buildings and facilities for commercial interest.

6035.11 USE BY SCHOOL SPONSORED GROUPS

The Board approves the use of school buildings and facilities by school groups, approved school support groups, community groups of general interest, and for the holding of elections.

6035.12 USE BY OUTSIDE GROUPS

Outside groups may apply for use of the facility by contacting the principal of the school and requesting a Facility Rental Agreement. Principals or the Department of Facilities Management may deny a request for an outside group if use is not in the best interest of the school or based on prior experience with the renter.