

## **COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The primary purpose of school facilities is the education of students. However, because the schools are a part of the life of the community, it is the policy of this school district to make facilities available for community use, when such use is not in conflict with school operation and/or District philosophy.

The authorization for the use of school facilities shall be within the authority and responsibility of the Superintendent or his/her designee in accordance with administrative regulations. Appropriate regulations shall be developed by the Superintendent to define District and user obligations, user classifications, fees, responsibilities, and general procedures.

Categories of users shall be created to reflect the relative closeness of the groups to the primary purpose of the schools, and appropriate fees shall be established for each category.

### Group I—School Sponsored Groups

School sponsored groups shall have free use of facilities, except for direct extra costs incurred because of their use;

### Group II—Youth Oriented Groups—Non-Profit

Groups whose primary purpose is to serve the youth of the community shall pay a fee designed to cover operating costs;

### Group III—Adult Oriented Groups

Adult oriented groups shall pay a fee that will take both operating and capital costs into consideration; and,

### Group IV—Profit/Commercial Groups

Commercial and for-profit groups will pay rates comparable to commercially available facilities.

This policy applies to occasional short-term (up to 6 months) users. Long-term users shall be by separate contractual agreement.

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

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.510  
meetings, use of facilities for

RCW 28A.335.150

RCW 28A.335.155

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Night schools, summer schools,

Permitting use and rental of play-  
grounds, athletic fields, or  
athletic facilities

Use of buildings for youth  
programs — Limited immunity

School districts — Use of  
school facilities for  
presentation of programs —  
Legislature — Elections