

Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to community organizations 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. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

The following categories have been established to describe the groups that qualify to use District facilities and the rental fees to be charged.

Category 1. - Student and School-Related Organizations

Approved student groups, booster clubs, parent association, and/or other school related organizations may use District facilities without charge.

Category 2. Other Taxing Bodies

Park districts, incorporated villages and their departments, and any other tax supported body within District #61 may use available facilities for a charge sufficient to cover direct costs to District #61, e.g., personnel or other out-of-pocket costs.

Category 3. Not-For-Profit Organizations

Not-For-Profit organizations within District #61 shall be assessed a rental fee sufficient to cover direct costs to District #61 as described in category 2, above.

Category 4. All Other Groups

Specific administrative approval must be secured for any organization not qualifying under categories 1 through 3 above. Such organizations shall be assessed a rental charge established by the Board.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities which shall be reviewed and approved by the Board. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's approval and is subject to the procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District,
113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).
105 ILCS 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.

CROSS REF.: 8:25 (Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters),
8:30 (Conduct On School Property)

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