

Community Use of School Facilities

Public schools belong to the people of the school district. Facilities are established, maintained and operated by public funds. The Board, therefore, recognizes the need and desire for community use of school buildings and facilities.

School buildings and grounds shall be available for use by the community when such use does not conflict with the requirements of the educational program nor with the support services required to ensure the proper function of the educational program. For purposes of this policy, community use of school facilities shall be defined as use by an organization/individual acting on their behalf as private citizens or as an organization/individual not affiliated with the school district.

The superintendent or designee shall be authorized to establish procedures to administer the rental of school facilities. The superintendent also shall be responsible for ensuring that district guidelines are followed.

The school district property insurance and comprehensive general liability insurance does not extend to community or other groups using school facilities. The district requires non-school organizations/individuals to provide certificates of insurance that name "Garfield School District Re-2" as an added insured. Organizations/individuals may meet these criteria by either of the following:

- a. Entities that can establish coverage under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act must provide certification of proof of insurance at least to the limitations provided in the act.
- b. All other entities not protected by the limitations of the above act must provide a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, and name the district as an added insured.

All use of school facilities shall comply with state and local fire, health, safety and policy regulations.

The organization/individual using school facilities shall be responsible for maintaining order, discipline and protecting school property. The group shall be responsible for the condition in which the school premises are left. In the case of damage to school property, the damage shall be paid for by the organization which has the contract for the use of the facility. The district shall be reimbursed for the cost of damages, including but not limited to materials, equipment and labor, within 30 days from the

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date the damages occurred. The individual shall pay legal fees and court costs incurred by the district in collecting damages or organization using the facility at the time damages occurred.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(f)
20 U.S.C. 7905 (*Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

CROSS REF.: EDC, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
JJA, Student Organizations

Garfield School District No. Re-2, Rifle, Colorado