

POLICY - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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The Board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but shall be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. On recommendation of the superintendent, the Board shall set the rental rates schedule.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the District's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.

The District does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into three categories:

School or Child-related Groups or Other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of boys and girls or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTA, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. The District will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives.

When facilities are used outside of regular school hours, or the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, to be established by the superintendent, shall be charged to recoup those costs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.

Nonprofit Groups includes those organizations which might wish to use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, entertainment, college courses, or other activities for which public halls or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The district shall charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred, except that such excess charges may be waived when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes. Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are

registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fund-raisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities. Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the request of the district.

Nonprofit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use district facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate.

Commercial Enterprises include profit-making organizations and business- related enterprises. While the district would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities maybe rented for non-regular use at the prevailing rate charged by commercial facilities in the area.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

This policy shall not serve to amend nor invalidate any long term contractual agreements previously entered into by the District (e.g., “Joint Use Agreement” between the City of Lacey Parks Department and the District dated May 21, 1974).

<p>Legal References: AGO 7326.00</p> <p>RCW 28A.335.150</p> <p>RCW 28A.320.510</p> <p>RCW 28A.230.180</p> <p>RCW 4.24.660</p> <p>RCW 28A.335.155</p> <p>20 USC Sec. 7905</p> <p>34 CFR Sec. 108.6</p>	<p>Initiative No. 276--School Districts--Use of School Facilities for Presentation of Programs--Legislature--Elections</p> <p>Permitting Use & Rental of Playgrounds, Athletic Facilities</p> <p>Night Schools, Summer Schools, Meetings, Use of Facilities</p> <p>Access to campus and student information Directories by official recruiting representatives – Informing students of educational and career opportunities</p> <p>Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs</p> <p>Use of buildings for youth programs – limited immunity</p> <p>Boys Scout of America Equal Access Act</p> <p>Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and Other designated Youth Groups</p>
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