

Community Use of School Facilities

**Facility Use Applications:**

Applications requesting use of the school facility must be presented to the building Principal at least ten (10) days in advance of the time desired and must be signed by a qualified representative of the organization desiring to use the building.

When considering facility use applications, the following should be taken into consideration:

- a. The activity should not interfere with the schedule of normal activities of the school or district.
- b. The content of the activity should be reasonably appropriate in a school setting.

The renting of school facilities will ordinarily be on a first-come-first-serve basis for eligible organizations, except that school-related activities shall have priority.

**Right of Refusal:**

The use of the school premises will be denied when, in the opinion of the Superintendent or the Board, such use may be construed to be solely for commercial purposes, there is probability of damage or injury to school property, or the activity is deemed to be improper to hold in school buildings.

**Fees:**

The Superintendent, or designee, shall establish a schedule of fees and make additional adjustments in the fees as necessary for the use of any school facility or school grounds. Fees/rental charges shall cover costs of wages of school personnel involved and utilities. The Board will review this fee schedule annually. Fees may be waived by the Superintendent or designee in consideration of services rendered by public institutions or nonprofit organizations in direct support of public school students or staff.

Fees will be invoiced and the sponsoring organization whose name appears on the application shall be held responsible for any and all damages to school property and equipment.

**Insurance Coverage:**

The Board may require facility users to carry a commercial general liability insurance policy with a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. A Certificate of Insurance for the policy, naming the Notus School District as an additional insured, may also be required along with the

facility use request. The Board reserves the right to require increased insurance coverage on any event.

### **School Equipment:**

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted by the procedure by which permission to use facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept liability for any damage to or loss of such equipment that occurs while it is in use. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified operator. No District equipment shall be removed from the premises for use by non-district personnel unless otherwise provided for in policy.

### **Supervision**

At least one District employee must be on hand, paid for by the organization, when in the opinion of the Superintendent or designee it is necessary to supervise the individuals and protect school property. The number of paid employees shall depend on the type of service, number to be served and number of volunteer helpers.

Whenever a cafeteria is used, it shall be under the supervision of a school employee. The group using the facility shall reimburse the District for the salary of the employee.

No school building or facility shall be used for any purpose which could result in picketing, rioting, disturbing the peace or damage to property or for any purpose prohibited by law.

No access to other rooms or equipment in the building shall be permitted unless designated by agreement.

### **Outdoor Facility Usage**

The following applies to all District outdoor facility rentals:

1. The rental group shall be responsible for the full replacement cost of any facility or equipment damage.
2. Arrangements for keys for any rented facility must be made prior to the event by contacting the Athletic Director.
3. The procedure for cancellation of outdoor events due to threatening weather and/or field conditions is as follows:
  - a. If field conditions are such that play is not recommended, the athletic director shall notify the rental group as far in advance as possible that contests must be cancelled. Practice field rental will be substituted, if possible.
  - b. If there is rain the day of the scheduled contests, the game field rental is considered cancelled and game fields are not to be used. Questions can be answered by calling the Athletic Director, High School Principal, Superintendent (in that order.)
4. All equipment items the rental group desires must be listed on the rental agreement.

5. Requests for night rentals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-601      Real and personal property – Acquisition, use or disposal of same.  
I.C. § 33-602      Use of school property or buildings for senior citizen centers  
Lamb’s Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141

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