

SECTION 1000
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

BOARD POLICY
BP 1330

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Governing Board shall make school facilities and grounds under its jurisdiction available as a civic center to citizens and community groups for the following purposes, subject to district policies and regulations:

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings.
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest.
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization which has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of services, provided the Board imposes a charge at least equal to the district's direct costs.
4. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct Board members by public agencies.
5. Supervised recreational activities.
6. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, and shall cooperate in furnishing and maintaining such services as it deems necessary to meet community needs.
7. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Board.

The Board shall not grant the use of school facilities for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act Prohibited by law.
2. Any use of school facilities or grounds which is inconsistent with their use for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work.
3. Any use which discriminates against participation of individuals based upon race, religion, gender, or any other criteria which is discriminatory in the legal sense.

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4. Any use which involves the possession, consumption, promotion, marketing, sale of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis or any restricted and/or controlled substances on school property.
5. Public dances or parties, other than those sponsored and conducted as a part of a school activity.

Fees for Use of school facilities and grounds shall be charged in accordance with the following classifications:

1. Free-Use: When an alternative location is not available. the Board shall not charge any fees for the use of school facilities or grounds by clubs, associations or nonprofit organizations which Promote youth and schools activities.

These groups include, but are not limited to: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Inc., parent-teacher associations, and school/community advisory councils.

The Superintendent or designee may require free-use groups to certify to the district that an alternative location as identified by the district is unavailable for their activity. If an alternative location is available, the district may grant the use of school facilities and charge direct costs for such use.

Should any free-use group prefer to use school facilities at a time when custodial services are not normally available, the district may charge a fee equal to the cost of those services. The principal or designee shall first determine any availability of other times when the facility could be provided without charge, and such availability shall be pointed out to the free-use group.

2. Direct-Costs Fee: Activities other than those specified for free use or fair rental value shall be charged a fee not to exceed direct costs to the district.

The following activities shall be charged direct costs:

- a. Activities conducted by religious groups for temporary periods.
- b. Charitable fund-raising activities which are not beneficial to youth or public school activities of the district, as determined by the Board.
- c. Events sponsored by religious or community groups. except those which qualify for free use.
- d. Classes or other activities sponsored by private schools and private or public colleges or universities.

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- e. Public Agencies.

In lieu of direct costs, the district may enter into a written joint-powers agreement with local public agencies.

- f. Activities not previously identified which do not fall within the free-use or fair-rental-value classifications and, which are included here through subsequent Board action.

- 3. Fair-Rental-Value Fee: Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment, meetings, or other activities where an admission or fee is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students.

Fair rental-value-fees are to be paid in advance.

Fair-rental-value use shall be at the discretion of the district.

- 4. The Administration shall recommend to the Board of Trustees for their approval a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities.

- a. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the granting of permission to use school facilities and the development of rules and regulations for such use.

- b. The Superintendent shall cause the rules and regulations to be distributed to each user of school facilities and monitor such use in order to insure that the user conforms with those rules and regulations.

Regulations for the use of school facilities shall include:

- 1. A schedule of fees and a procedure for the proper accounting and allocation of such receipts.
- 2. Assurance that responsible school personnel will always be in a supervisory position.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

40040-40047 Civic Center Act

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