# COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for community use of school facilities.

As a service to the community, the board will allow responsible and properly organized community groups to use school facilities in keeping with the following general policies.

- The board provides public school facilities through the use of taxpayers' funds collected for educational purposes.
- Use of school facilities by the schools and by school-related organizations takes precedence over all other uses.
- Requests by local agencies and by other agencies/organizations for the use of facilities for educational purposes take priority over other requests for the use of facilities.
- The board restricts the use of facilities to recognized nonprofit**,** eleemosynary, community-wide organizations. The board will not rent any building or part thereof to an individual or group for private or corporate purposes or benefits.
- The use of a school building, facility or other school property for any non-school purpose must not interfere with the school program.
- Non-school groups may not use school facilities for money-raising events.
- Some city**,** county**,** and state government entities may use some facilities without charge upon approval of the principal and superintendent.
- Organizations using school facilities are responsible for the proper conduct of all persons attending the event, for providing police protection if needed, for compensating school staff for any cleaning beyond that which is normal at the customary rate**,** immediate restoration of school property in the event of any damage**,** and for all liabilities of all persons in attendance. The district will set forth all terms in a contract which an official representative of the organization must sign. Organizations will be required to provide Certificates of Insurance as required by the district and to indemnify and hold the district harmless for any and all accidents, injuries, or causes of action arising in any way from the user's use of the recreational area(s).
- When school facilities are used by non-school people, a school employee must be present while the facility is in use. The employee's services will be paid for by the group using the facility at the customary rate.
- The administration may establish detailed administrative rules pertaining to public use of school facilities in keeping with the above policies. However, the board will not allow groups to use school facilities if they advocate unconstitutional or illegal acts, or if their

activities are contrary to the best interests of the public schools or to the educational welfare of its students.

- The board will not allow groups to use school facilities when the proposed function presents an obvious danger to the safety of persons and property.

- The board directs the administration to seek board approval prior to administrative action in any case of doubt.

- No alcoholic drinks shall be sold, distributed or used on school property at any time by anyone. Spartanburg School District Four has a policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products on school district property***.***

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended:
   1. Section 7-9-110 – Conducting elections or primaries in a facility that receives state funds.
   2. Section 59-1-370 – Closing of educational institutions on general election day.

B. Court cases:
   1. Child Evangelism Fellowship of South Carolina v. Anderson School District Five, 470 F.3d 1062 (4th Cir. 2006).