

## **Community Use of School Facilities**

The Board recognizes that the community has a large investment in the physical plant, facilities and equipment of the schools and that this investment has been made to provide the best possible setting for quality educational opportunities for students served by the district. The Board further recognizes and encourages the community's desire to utilize this investment as much as possible in accordance with efficient business management. The Board is aware of the varying needs of rural communities and residents regarding the use of school facilities and equipment and seeks to cooperate by making such facilities available for worthwhile civic, educational, cultural and social uses.

Community groups shall be permitted and encouraged to use school facilities for worthwhile purposes when such uses will not interfere with the school program. All arrangements shall be subject to the following provisions:

### **Eligible Organizations**

Organizations connected with and promoting recognized school functions (Group 1 – School District Organizations) may use the buildings without charge.

Other organizations (Groups 2, 3 & 4, Non-District, Non-Profit and Commercial) intended to serve youth under the age of 21 listed in Title 36 of U.S. Code may use school property upon payment of suitable fees and costs, according to the fee schedule recommended by the superintendent and approved by the Board of Education. Rental or fees may be waived for charitable or other nonprofit organizations or groups by the Board.

Whenever a community group is permitted to use a school or other facility, at least one district employee must be on hand, paid for by the organization, when in the opinion of Superintendent 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.

## Rental Charges and Approval of Use

Specific regulations for scheduling outside uses of school facilities shall be drawn up by the superintendent and approved by the Board. Fees for the use of school facilities shall be determined by the superintendent or designee based upon the rental charges and personnel fees approved by the Board.

All rentals of school facilities shall be approved by the superintendent or designee on the basis of this policy and its accompanying regulations. Any special requests or exception to policy and/or regulations must be approved by the Board.

Any individual, group or organization using school property as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all district officers, agents and employees free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during or be in any way caused by such use or occupancy. When using school facilities, organizations may be required to furnish satisfactory liability insurance protection.

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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 or Equipment  
**JJA-2, Student Organizations — Open Forum**  
**KF-R, Community Use of School Facilities**