Community Relations

Use of School Facilities

Since school buildings and grounds are public property, Board of Education may make them available for purposes other than education when they are not in use for school purposes.

The Board of Education shall grant the use of school facilities for activities of an educational, cultural, civic, and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest when such does not interfere with the school program or school sponsored activities as permitted under law. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school property must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

The Boy Scouts of America, Big Sisters of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts of America, Little League Baseball, Inc. and any other group intended to serve youth under the age of 21 listed in Title 36 of the U.S. Code (https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/36/subtitle-II/part-B) may use school property upon payment of suitable fees and costs according to the Board approved fee schedule.

In order to maximize student learning and community use of facilities, the Superintendent and administrative staff, in cooperation with representatives of the public library and recreation department of the community shall on a regular basis conduct an instructional time and facility usage assessment.

Consistent with this policy the Superintendent shall approve and schedule the use of school facilities by an individual or group and shall develop guidelines for community use of the schools. Fees shall be set annually by the Board of Education for the use of the facilities, when deemed appropriate. Groups desiring continuing use of facilities must reapply. The Superintendent will maintain a list of school facilities usage by non-district groups or individuals.

Types of Activities Which Will Not Be Permitted

l. Any activity are unlawful by nature.

2. Any purpose in conflict with the mission or goals of the school district.

3. Commercial advertising.

4. Fund-raising campaigns except as permitted by Board of Education policy or by special action of the Board of Education or except as permitted by the Superintendent.

5. Any activity which may be injurious to the buildings, grounds or equipment of the schools.

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Consistent with this policy the Superintendent and the administrative designees shall approve and schedule the use of school facilities by an individual or group and shall develop guidelines for community use of the schools.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statues

10-239 Use of School facilities for other purposes.

PA 97-290 An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. ss 4071-4074

*Good News Club v. Milford Central School,*Sup.Ct., 6-11-01

20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

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