

**Policy EBHA: Use of School Property**

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USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Hattiesburg Public School District Board of Education believes that the first priority in the use of its school property is the education of children in the district. However, this district will allow the public use of indoor or outdoor school property during non-school hours for purposes of recreation or sport, to support active living, reduce obesity, reduce health care costs associated with obesity, increase community safety, maximize community resources, and promote community support for schools.

Local citizens are also encouraged to use the property for other reasonable general public use including religious, political, literary, community, cultural, scientific, mechanical, agricultural, or parental involvement purposes.

The board shall exercise its authority to fix and collect rentals, rates, and charges for the occupancy or use of school property in such amounts and in such manner as may be determined.

The superintendent is directed to establish rules and regulations in support of this policy. The rules and regulations will require evidence of appropriate liability insurance coverage. The school district will not permit the use of school property or equipment by any person or organization that does not furnish evidence of insurance coverage.

If the district has provided classroom space or other school facilities for a federally sponsored Head Start program and is planning to make a material change in the arrangement, the superintendent will give notice to the director of the Head Start program at least seven (7) days prior to a school board hearing on the matter.

School districts and school district employees may not be held liable for any claim resulting from a loss or injury arising from the use of indoor or outdoor school property or facilities made available for public recreation or sport.

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