

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Nashua public schools and athletic fields are community facilities, and should be accessible for community use within available time and resources.

The term “school facilities,” as referenced in this policy, includes school buildings, grounds, and school athletic fields.

Stellos Stadium is a school facility that is managed separately in cooperation with the Nashua Department of Parks and Recreation. Stellos Stadium can only be used by youth organizations (Nashua City Ordinance 0-02-94). Stellos Stadium is not available for rentals.

Groups requesting use of Nashua school facilities must complete and submit an online facility request at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of the event and no more than one (1) year in advance.

The Director of Athletics, or Director of Plant Operations, may limit the use of specific athletic fields to school-related groups in order to maintain the playing condition of the fields. The Richard Belanger Gymnasium at Nashua High School South and the primary gymnasium at Nashua High School North are not routinely available to outside groups.

When conflicting requests for use of a school facility arise, requests shall be granted in the following order: school-related groups; Nashua Parks & Recreation groups; non-profit youth-related groups; other non-profit organizations; and for-profit organizations. Proof is required to demonstrate non-profit status.

Although every attempt will be made to honor facility requests, events scheduled more than three (3) months in advance may be subject to change due to the scheduling of school events.

Rental Fee and Charges

Rental fees and charges for use of school facilities shall be administered based on a fee schedule contained in the policy and subject to change from time to time. There may be a seasonal usage fee for the use of certain district athletic equipment (i.e., wrestling mats, cheerleading mats). A deposit of 50% of anticipated costs is required with signed contract or the reservation will be canceled.

All political candidates shall pay rental fees in advance.

Exempt Groups

Public access youth leagues, shall be exempt from rental fees. Custodial overtime charges will only be applied to events when staff are not scheduled to be on duty.

Exempt Youth Leagues

- PAL Football and Cheerleading
- Elks Crusaders Football and Cheerleading
- Cal Ripkin Baseball
- Little League Baseball
- Ray Oban Baseball (Nashua Parks and Recreation)
- Babe Ruth Baseball and Girls Softball (Nashua Parks and Recreation)
- Nashua Blast Youth Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- Nashua Youth Boys and Girls Soccer League
- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, NH

- PAL Cross Country
- PAL Boys and Girls Wrestling
- Cougars Football and Cheer
- K-9 Cheer
- Other teams as determined by the Superintendent

Other Exempt Groups

Nashua School District-based organizations and teams, City Departments, School District PTOs, and Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, are not subject to reservation fees, rental fees, or overtime charges. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may from time to time exempt other organizations from reservation or rental fees.

Overtime/Staffing Charges

With the exception of school-related and exempt groups, any organization requiring custodial coverage in a school building over and above the normal staffing complement shall be charged a minimum rate of \$40 per hour per custodian (3-hour minimum). Custodial charges begin 30 minutes prior to the scheduled event and conclude when the rental space has been restored for usage for the following school day. The use of a kitchen requires the presence of a Nashua School District cook or food service assistant at all times, at a contractual overtime rate (in excess of normal 7-hr work day, after 3:00 pm M-F; and/or on weekends) which will be invoiced separately.

The use of an athletic field requires the presence of a School District staff person as approved by the Director of Plant Operations or Director of Athletics at a minimum rate of \$40 per hour (3-hour minimum). This individual shall have the right to cancel an event on the athletic field directly before or during the event when, in the exclusive judgment of that individual, weather conditions on the playing field warrant the cancellation of the event.

Events with over 250 attendees will be subject to additional staffing requirements, i.e., additional custodians, crowd management, police or fire detail and Nashua City permitting.

Other Charges and Fees

Requests for use of special equipment or specific set ups must be made at the time the request form is submitted, and may result in additional charges.

Should a scheduled event result in damage to District-owned equipment or property, including athletic fields, the sponsoring organization will be liable for the full cost of repairs.

Only the School District may line athletic fields. The requesting organization will be charged for the cost of lining the field on a time and material basis.

Sound and Lighting

Organizations requiring the use of school sound and/or lighting systems must coordinate with the building principal or designee in advance of the event. If it is determined that a Nashua School District employee is required to operate the sound and lighting equipment, the organization shall be responsible for all applicable fees as outlined in the Fees and Charges Schedule contained in this policy.

Organizations that have qualified sound and lighting personnel may request permission to operate the equipment themselves. Such personnel must meet with designated Nashua School District staff prior to the event to review the equipment, demonstrate proficiency, and receive authorization for its use. Final approval for independent operation of sound and lighting equipment shall be at the discretion of the District.

Organizations are responsible for any damage to sound or lighting equipment resulting from misuse by their approved operators.

City of Nashua Permits

Permitting applications can be found on the Nashua City website for police, fire, food safety, and insurance.

Insurance

Prior to the use of a school facility by a sponsoring organization, a certificate of insurance must be issued naming the City of Nashua as an additional insured, with limits as required by the City of Nashua.

Cancellations

Any sponsoring organization desiring to cancel a reserved date must provide at least 72 hours' notice in advance of the specified time and date of the event, or the rental fees will be forfeited. The sponsoring organization shall be additionally responsible for any extra custodial costs incurred as a result of inadequate notice of cancellation.

In the event of a cancellation of school building activities due to emergencies or inclement weather, the District will notify the sponsoring organization. The event may either be rescheduled by the sponsoring organization, or reservation and rental fees will be returned. Public information regarding the cancellation or rescheduling of any event is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

Additional Requirements

The use of alcoholic beverages, smoking, vaping, and tobacco products are forbidden in and on school premises at all times. Nashua schools are posted as Drug Free School Zones.

All sponsoring organizations are responsible for complying with applicable national and State regulations, local ordinances, and requirements of the Nashua Police and Fire Departments, as well as obtaining any required permits.

All sponsoring organizations are expected to supervise and conduct an event in a responsible manner that respects persons and property, and leaves a school facility in the same condition it found it, normal wear and tear excepted.

The Board of Education of the Nashua School District, through the Superintendent of Schools reserves the right to limit or revoke the reservation of a sponsoring organization, or reject the request for use of school facilities.

Food and drink are permitted only in designated areas (i.e., cafeterias, high school career centers).

Approval may be denied due to lack of appropriate space or if a previous activity by the applicant resulted in a violation of any aspect of any School Board policy or guidelines.

Legal References:

***Legal References Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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**Nashua School District
Facilities Rental Fees and Charges for Non-Profit Groups
Effective July 1, 2026**

All rental fees are charged on a daily basis. The reservation fee is charged per event.

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Rentals: As is and returned to the original condition.

	Non-Profit	For-Profit
High School Auditorium	\$350	\$775
High School Cafeteria	\$175	\$400
High School Kitchen	\$125	\$250
North Star Café	\$175	\$350
High School Gym – Large Wood Floor	\$325	\$700
High School Gym – Rubber Floor	\$325	\$700
High School Gym – Small Rubber Floor	\$75	\$175
High School Lecture Hall/Board Room	\$150	\$300
High School Media or Career Center	\$150	\$300
High School Parking Lot - South	\$250	\$600
Middle School Gym	\$125	\$250
Middle School Cafeteria	\$150	\$300
Middle School Kitchen	\$100	\$225
Middle School Media Center	\$125	\$250
Elementary School Gym	\$100	\$200
Elementary School Cafeteria	\$125	\$250
Elementary School Kitchen	\$100	\$200
Elementary School Media Center	\$100	\$200
Classrooms (all schools)	\$40	\$80
Conference Rooms	\$40	\$80
Playing Field (excluding Stellos Stadium)	\$250	\$550
<i>Additional Costs:</i>		
Mats (seasonal usage)	\$500	\$750
Sound and Lighting	\$35/hr	\$35/hr
Crowd Management/Control	\$40/hr	\$40/hr