Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to the community for education, civic, cultural, and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest when such use does not interfere with the school program or school sponsored activities. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times. By adoption of this policy, the Board does not intend to create any sort of designated open public forum, but rather to allow those uses which it deems consistent with the use of the facilities for public school purpose.

Student and school-related organizations and municipalities shall be granted the use of school facilities, upon approval, at no cost. Other organizations granted the use of facilities shall pay fees and costs as approved by the Board.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's approval and is subject to the procedures described above.

The Board shall establish the fees for the use of facilities. Income from such use shall be credited to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and all expenses resulting from such use shall be charged against this fund. The District insurance does not protect the property or interests of the organization. Therefore, the District may require the organization to provide proof of liability insurance as it deems appropriate.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7905.
10 ILCS 5/19-2.2.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.40, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.
Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001).
Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).
Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

CROSS REF.: 7:330 (Student Use of Building - Equal Access), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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