

# POLICY



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**Cheney School District No. 360**

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## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

### **POLICY:**

The Board believes that public schools are owned and operated by and for the community. It also believes that the school facilities of Cheney School District No. 360 are intended primarily for public school purposes and the use of such facilities for other purposes may be authorized by the District at its discretion. The public is encouraged to use school facilities, but will be expected to reimburse the District for such use to ensure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes.

The Superintendent/designee is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities including, but not limited to, rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions and security. Those using school facilities will maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the District's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization, and will provide proof of such insurance.

The District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, economic status, pregnancy, familial status, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use District facilities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The District will provide the District's nondiscrimination statement to all third parties using District facilities.

For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into three categories:

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### SCHOOL OR CHILD-RELATED GROUPS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

School or Child-Related Groups or Other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of students, or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTA/PTO, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. The District will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives.

When facilities are used outside of regular school hours or days, or when the District incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, established by the Superintendent/designee, will be charged to recoup those costs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion, head injury and sudden cardiac arrest in youth sports as required by state law.

### NONPROFIT GROUPS

Nonprofit groups and organizations may use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, entertainment, college courses, or other activities for which public halls or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The District may charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred. Excess charges may be waived when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes.

Professional fundraisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fundraisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities.

Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the request of the District. Nonprofit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use District facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may be allowed to do so under this rental rate.

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### COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

Commercial Enterprises include profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the District would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented for non-regular use at the District established rate.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions and activities, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities will not be considered as endorsement or approval of the activity, group or organization. Generally, school facilities will be made available on a short-term basis.

The District reserves the right to deny use of school buildings or facilities for any use which, in the judgment of the District, may be in any way detrimental to the best interests of the schools or the educational program, or for which satisfactory sponsorship or adequate adult supervision is not provided.

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of School Districts Under Contracts with Youth Programs
	RCW 28A.230.180	Access to Campus and Student Information Directories by Official Recruiting Representatives - Informing Students of Educational and Career Opportunities
	RCW 28A.320.510	Night Schools, Summer Schools, Meetings, Use of Facilities for
	RCW 28A.335.150	Permitting Use and Rental of Playgrounds, Athletic Fields, or Athletic Facilities
	RCW 28A.335.155	Use of Buildings for Youth Programs - Limited Immunity
	20 USC Sec. 7905	Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act
	34 CFR Sec. 108.6	Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups
	AGO 1973, No. 26	School Districts - Use of School Facilities for Presentation of Programs - Legislature - Elections
Policy References:	3422	Student Sports - Concussion, Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest