

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
POLICY NO. 7253

It is the aim of the Board of Directors to make school facilities available for community use. Usage must be in the public interest and for the public good. Buildings and facilities may be offered for nominal rental fees, based on District cost or for fair market value, but will not be offered on a commercial basis.

All users of District facilities must accept financial responsibility for any damage and must comply with the policies of the Board of Directors and the regulations established by the school administration. Those using school facilities shall provide evidence of insurance for accidents and liability covering persons using the District's facilities. Community athletic programs that use District facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct, or administration of their programs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities using school facilities must provide a Statement of Compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600. Approval will not be granted for any meeting which may be deemed prejudicial to the best interest of the schools or for which adequate supervision is not provided.

School functions shall have priority over community requests in approving applications for the use of school facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents. School facilities may be made available to community groups for regularly scheduled meetings, but only on a short-term basis and not as a permanent meeting place.

As required by law, the Colfax School District ensures that each service, program, or activity is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. Contractors and licensees of the District are expected to make programs and activities accessible. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any application for the use of school facilities when it believes a commercial facility should be patronized.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel any use permit given and to refund payment made when it deems such action advisable and in the best interests of the Colfax School District.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, security, etc.

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of school districts under contract with youth programs
	28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields or athletic facilities
	28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs – Limited immunity.
	28A.640.010	Discrimination prohibited
	Chapter 316 Laws of 1999	School district facilities - Liabilities immunity
	AGO 1973 No. 26 Initiative No. 276	- School districts - Use of school facilities for presentation of programs - Legislature – Elections

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