

Use Of School Facilities

Application for Use of Facilities

Any persons applying for the use of any school facility or ground on behalf of any society, group or organization shall present written authorization from the group or organization to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of school facilities or grounds shall submit a statement of information indicating that the organization upholds the state and federal constitutions and does not intend to use school premises to commit unlawful acts.

Civic Center Use

Subject to District policies and regulations, school facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes: (Education Code 32282, 38131)

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational or public agency meetings
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization
4. Child-care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies
6. Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited to, sports league activities that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination
7. A community youth-center (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
8. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
9. Dogs are prohibited on school grounds.

10. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Governing Board

Restrictions

School facilities or grounds shall not be used for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law
2. Any use that is inconsistent with the use of the school facility for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work
3. Any use that involves the possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances, including tobacco use (cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
4. The District may exclude certain school facilities from non-school use for safety or security reasons.

Damage and Liability

Groups, organizations or persons using school facilities or grounds shall be liable for any property damages caused by the activity. The Board may charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the group further use of school facilities or grounds.

Any group or organization using school facilities or grounds shall be liable for any injuries resulting from its negligence during the use of District facilities or grounds. The group shall bear the cost of insuring against this risk and defending itself against claims arising from this risk. (Education Code 38134)

As permitted, the Superintendent or designee may require a hold harmless agreement and indemnification when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facility being used.

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