

Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

Summary: Community organizations may use school facilities during non-school hours provided the use does not interfere with school functions, the safety of students or staff, or affect the property or liability of the District. The use of school facilities may be subject to rental fees and proof of liability insurance.

School facilities are available to community organizations during non-school hours when such use does not (1) interfere with any school function or affect the safety of students or employees, or (2) affect the property or liability of the school District. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations and other groups. The use of school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times including those outlined in the Parent Student Handbook.

Student groups, school-related organizations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are granted the use of school facilities and may be charged fees and costs. Other organizations granted use of facilities shall pay fees and costs.

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

School Equipment

School equipment is generally not available for the public use, with the exception of furnishings as requested and approved on an individual usage agreement. Public-address and/or audio-visual equipment may be used if authorized by the Superintendent or designee.

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.: 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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