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COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

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- I. School buildings and facilities are maintained primarily for public education; however, the School Board will grant the use of school facilities to community groups after the needs of the education program have been met. Such uses shall in no way interfere with the use and occupancy of the facilities as required for public school purposes.
- II. Approved uses shall include meetings and activities of a literary, scientific, religious, educational, recreational, political, economic, artistic, character building and welfare nature, which are of general public interest.
- III. Prohibited uses include the following:
 - A. Non-school groups during the hours that school is in session, unless such use will in no way interfere with the regular conduct of school work or a regularly scheduled school function.
 - B. Use by an individual, group, or organization which has as one of its objectives the overthrow of the government by force or other unlawful means, or by an individual, group or organization deemed subversive, as shown on the U. S. Army Security Agency list entitled, "Organizations Designated Under Executive Order No. 1040."
 - C. Use of school facilities by individuals or groups for a commercial purpose or private gain, except where a special service is rendered to pupils such as academic tutoring by a School Board employee or a fee is paid as established by the School Board and the school, and approval is granted by the School Board.
 - D. Use by an individual or group who, in the judgment of the Board, has in the past damaged school property or has constituted a community nuisance.
- IV. The agreement granting use of the facility shall state all conditions relative to the use of facility including liability insurance, custodial service, utilities, damage to property, smoking, use of alcoholic beverages, and any other conditions that appear to be desirable.
- V. Application Procedures
 - A. Application for use of a school facility shall be filed with the principal of the

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school at least two (2) weeks prior to the anticipated use.

- B. The application shall be made on forms furnished by the School Board.
 - C. Upon receipt of an application, the principal shall forward the application together with his or her approval or objections to the use of the said school facility to the Superintendent or designee for presentation to the School Board for action.
 - D. The procedure described above shall not be required for School Board employees providing academic tutoring to students or a small community group activity for which the principal assumes full responsibility.
- VI. Any organization desiring to use a school facility on an extended basis must submit a facilities use request form every six (6) months for School Board approval.
- VII. Amounts charged shall be according to the current rate schedule for utilities. Charges shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee. Consideration will be given to hours used and existing rate per hour. The rates may be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- VIII. Special Facilities
- A. Cafeteria Kitchens - Cafeteria kitchen equipment may be used only under the supervision of the cafeteria staff who will oversee the use and care of such equipment.

Except for parent-teacher association groups who are serving other adults or faculty groups serving faculty members, no home-prepared foods may be sold or served as meals on campus. Foods may be sold or served on campus only if prepared in the school kitchen under supervision of the school cafeteria employees or if prepared in commercial conditions, approved by the Department of Health.
 - B. Gymnasiums - School functions take precedence over any community usage of gymnasium facilities. When it becomes necessary because of a change in school scheduled events to pre-empt a community function, every effort will be made to give adequate notice. Equipment and materials such as, rackets or balls, etc. must be furnished by the group. Use of gymnasium facilities will be granted only to those groups composed of twenty (20) or more persons who meet all other requirements contained herein.

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