

## **Community Relations**

### **Community Use of School Facilities**

School facilities may be made available to community organizations during non-school hours when such use does not: (1) adversely interfere with any school function or affect the safety of students or employees, or (2) adversely affect the property or liability of the School District, provided the use is not for prohibited political activities or used by political organizations as those terms are defined under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430 1-5). 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.

Student groups, school-related organizations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations may be granted the use of school facilities at no cost during regularly staffed hour, provided the use is not for prohibited political activities or used by political organizations as those terms are defined under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430 1-5). Fees and costs shall apply during non-regularly staffed hours and to other organizations granted use of facilities at any time. A fee schedule and other terms of use shall be prepared by the Superintendent or designee and be subject to annual approval by the School Board.

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.: 7:330 (Student Use of Building - Equal Access), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8:30 (Visit to and Conduct on School Property)

ADMIN. PROC.: 8:20-AP (Community Use of School Facilities)

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