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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Community Use of School Facilities

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to cooperate with community organizations in providing school building space for use as long as it does not interfere with the school program or school-sponsored activities. School facilities are available to the community for education, civic, cultural, and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest. Use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse to rent facilities/equipment to any group.

Student and school-related organizations shall be granted the use of school facilities at no cost. Other individuals/organizations granted use of school facilities may pay fees and costs. The Superintendent will develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities, which will be reviewed and approved by the Board. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's approval and is subject to the procedures.

The administration shall approve and schedule the various uses of the school facilities. A master calendar will be maintained by the Superintendent or appointed coordinator for scheduling dates to avoid conflicts during the school year. Should a conflict arise, the District reserves the right to cancel an approved request when it is determined that the facilities are needed for school purposes. Requests for use of the school facilities must be submitted to the Superintendent's office to the event.

Legal Reference: § 20-7-805. MCA Recreational use of school facilities secondary

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist.. 113 S.Ct. 2141

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