

## Community Use of School Facilities

The district is an integral part of the community it serves. Community groups shall be permitted and encouraged to use school facilities for worthwhile purposes when such uses will not interfere with the school program. All arrangements shall be in accordance with this policy and its accompanying regulation.

Permission to use district facilities does not constitute a district endorsement of any organization, the beliefs of any organization or group, nor the expressions of any opinion regarding the nomination, retention, election or defeat of any candidate, nor the expression of any opinion as to the passage or defeat of any issue.

### Eligible organizations

There shall be three classifications of non-school use of school facilities. These have been established for the purpose of determining rental charges and other fees.

1. General: Use must be for purposes that are educational, charitable, and/or of general community interest. A \$200.00 deposit is required. The deposit will be returned in full if, after the activity, the area that was utilized is found in good condition. If the area is not cleaned or if there are damages, the \$200.00 will be used to take care of the cost of cleaning or repairs. If the cleaning or damage is over \$200.00, the organization that utilized the facility will be responsible for those costs.
2. Community: Included will be community and locally-sponsored non-community groups requesting use of school facilities and fund-raising purposes which are not necessarily devoted to educational, charitable or community interest activities. Admission may be charged or contributions received. Such a group will be charged in accordance with fees approved by the Board. A \$200.00 deposit is required. The groups must be related to the Genoa-Hugo community.
3. College/university: Use must be for providing education to students or community members. There will be no charge.

Other organizations, **including the Boy Scouts of America, Big Sisters of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts of America, Little League Baseball Inc. and any other group intended to serve youth under the age of 21 listed in Title 36 of U.S. Code** may use school property upon payment of suitable fees and costs, according to the fee schedule recommended by the superintendent and approved by the Board of Education. Rental or fees may be waived for charitable or other nonprofit organizations or groups by the Board.

Whenever a community group is permitted to use a school or other facility, at least one district employee must be on hand, paid for by the organization, when in the opinion of the superintendent it is necessary to supervise the individuals and protect school property. The number of paid employees shall depend on the type of service, number to be served and number of volunteer helpers.

Whenever a cafeteria is used, it shall be under the supervision of a school employee. The group using the facility shall reimburse the district for the salary of the employee.

No school building or facility shall be used for any purpose which could result in picketing, rioting, disturbing the peace or damage to property or for any purpose prohibited by law.

### Rental charges and approval of use

The principal or the superintendent shall approve all rentals of school facilities. The building principal or the superintendent, based upon the rental charges and personnel fees approved by the Board, shall determine fees for the use of school facilities.

Specific regulations and the scheduling of outside uses shall be the responsibility of the building principal or the superintendent, except as special requests are not covered by Board policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 7905 (*Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

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