

Community Use of School Facilities

WHO MAY USE

Principals, following guidelines established by the Board, may grant the use of school facilities to responsible and organized groups for purposes that provide demonstrable benefit to the schools or to the community as a whole. These shall include recreational, educational, social, civic, cultural and community purposes when such use does not interfere with educational purposes. School facilities shall not be used for personal or commercial activities.

The Board may authorize the use of school property by public members of the community during non-school hours for the purpose of recreation, sport, academic, literary, artistic, or community uses as defined in KRS Chapter 162 pursuant to this and other policies adopted by the Board and related procedures established by the Superintendent.¹

Meetings in school facilities shall be open to the public without discrimination.

AVAILABILITY

THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHEN AND WHICH FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISH REASONABLE FEES FOR THEIR RENTAL. APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

The Board shall adopt an official application form and an official rental contract, both of which shall detail the conditions of usage. Persons authorized to represent officially the renting organization must sign the application and contract. Approval of a request to use District facilities does not signify District sponsorship, endorsement or approval of an organization or activity.

The Board may revoke any commitment for the use of school facilities. In such cases, fees paid in advance shall be refunded.

LIABILITY

The Board shall require a renting organization to assume all liability for injury to individuals by reason of the lease of Board property and that the organization indemnify and save harmless the Board from any loss or damage thereby.

INSURANCE

If the nonschool related activity sponsored by the community group involves admission or is designated as a highrisk activity by the Superintendent or designee, the community group shall provide a certificate of liability insurance naming the Board as additional insured under the policy for the activity.

CROWD CONTROL

The Superintendent is authorized to require applicants to submit plans for crowd control and to provide additional supervisory or police personnel.

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The renting group or organization shall reimburse the Board for any repair of damages to or replacement of school property lost, stolen, damaged or vandalized while under its care.

DISREGARD OF RULES

Disregard of the rules and regulations governing the use of school buildings and facilities shall result in the refusal of the Board to grant the offending group or organization further use of the buildings and facilities.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

The Superintendent and/or Board may apply additional restrictions for the protection of school property.

REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 162.055](#)
[KRS 160.290](#); [KRS 160.293](#)
[KRS 160.340](#); [KRS 162.050](#)
[OAG 60389](#); [OAG 8078](#)
P. L. 107-110 (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)
20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)

RELATED POLICY:

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