

Community Use of School Facilities

Community groups shall be permitted and encouraged to use Swink School facilities for worthwhile purposes when such uses will not interfere with the school program. All arrangements shall be subject to the following provisions:

Eligible organizations

Organizations connected with and promoting recognized school functions may use the buildings without charge with the Superintendent's approval.

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 26 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. 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

All use of school facilities shall be approved by the superintendent or designee. Fees for the use of facilities shall be determined by the superintendent based on the user and personal fee schedule approved by the Board of Education.

Charges for use of school buildings and properties shall not be considered as rental but as reimbursement to the school district for wear and tear on the facilities, operational expenses and administrative expenses.

Approval for an application for use of school buildings and properties shall be subject to cancellation for good cause, specifically including the rescheduling of school activities and meetings of an educational nature.

Any individual, group or organization using school property as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all district officers, agents and employees free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during or be in any way caused by such use or occupancy. When using school facilities, organizations may be required to furnish satisfactory liability insurance protection.

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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*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(f)

CROSS REFS.: EDC, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
JJA-2, Student Organizations—Open Forum

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