

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain application procedures and regulations for the use of school facilities which:

1. Encourage and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities.
2. Preserve order in school buildings and on school grounds, and protect school facilities. If necessary, a person may be designated to supervise this task.
3. Ensure that the use of facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with the use of the school facilities or grounds for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work. (Education Code 40042)

Civic Center Use

Subject to County Office policies and regulations, school facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes:

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings. (Education Code 40041)
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest. (Education Code 40041)
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization which has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of the services. (Education Code 40041)
4. Child care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age. (Education Code 40041)
5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct Board members by public agencies. (Education Code 40041)
6. Supervised recreational activities. (Education Code 40041)
7. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. (Education Code 40041.5)
8. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Board. (Education Code 40041)

Restrictions

School facilities shall not be used for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law.
2. Any use of school facilities or grounds which is inconsistent with their use for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work.
3. Any use which is discriminatory in the legal sense.
4. Any use which involves the possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances on school property.

Fair Rental Value

Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students. (Education Code 40043)

The County Office shall charge fair rental value for the temporary use of school facilities for conducting religious services when no other suitable facility exists.

Damage and Liability

Groups or persons using school facilities under the provisions of Board policy shall be liable for any property damages caused by the activity. The Board shall charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the group further use of school facilities. (Education Code 40043)

Any group using school facilities shall be liable for any injuries resulting from its negligence during such use. The group shall bear the cost of insuring against this risk and defending itself against claims arising from this risk.

Groups other than those that promote youth and school activities shall be required to include the district as additional insured on their liability policies.

The Superintendent or designee may require a hold harmless agreement when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facility being used.

Application for Use of Facilities

All school-related activities (clubs, class events etc.) shall be given priority in the use of facilities under the Civic Center Act. Thereafter, the use of facilities shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Any persons applying for the use of school property on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall present written authorization from the group to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of school facilities shall submit a statement of information indicating that the organization upholds the state and federal constitutions and does not intend to use school premises to commit unlawful acts.

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