Policy 1330: Use Of School Facilities

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 05/26/1999 | Last Revised Date: 09/23/2015

The Board of Education believes that school facilities and grounds are a vital community resource which should be used to foster community involvement and development. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of school facilities by District residents and community groups for purposes specified in the Civic Center Act, to the extent that such use does not interfere with school activities.

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

The Superintendent or designee shall give priority to school-related activities in the use of school facilities and grounds. Other uses authorized under the Civic Center Act shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the effective management and control of school facilities and grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures and regulations that: (Education Code 38133)

1. Aid, encourage, and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities

2. Preserve order in school facilities and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this talk, if necessary

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Subject to prior approval by the Board, the Superintendent or designee may grant the use of school facilities or grounds on those days on which District schools are closed. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

There shall be no advertising on school facilities and grounds except as allowed by District policy specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

As necessary to ensure efficient use of school facilities, the Superintendent or designee may, with the Board's approval, enter into an agreement for the joint use of any school facilities or grounds. The Board shall approve any such agreement only if it determines that it is in the best interest of the District and the community.

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

Fees

The Board shall adopt a comprehensive schedule of fees to be charged for community use of school facilities and grounds, including, but not limited to, the multipurpose room(s), playing or athletic field(s), track and field venue(s), tennis court(s), and outdoor basketball court(s). The schedule of fees shall be prepared in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (5 CCR 14041)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

The Board believes that the use of school facilities or grounds should not result in costs to the District. The Superintendent or designee shall charge all groups granted the use of school facilities or grounds under the Civic Center Act an amount not exceeding direct costs determined in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (Education Code 38134)

The Legislature has amended the Civic Center Act to authorize a school district to charge an organization using school facilities or grounds an amount proportional to the organization's use of the school facilities or grounds to maintain, repair, restore, and refurbish the school facilities or grounds and to limit the proportional costs related to maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment to only a school's nonclassroom space and grounds. (SB 1404, Section 1(6)(b))

Funds collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited into a special fund that shall only be used for purposes of this section. (SB 1404, Section2 (II)(iii))

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of each, or each type of, school facility or grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall calculate, in accordance with 5 CCR 14038, the community's proportionate share of the following costs: (Education Code 38134; 5 CCR 14038-14041)

1. Capital direct costs calculated in accordance with 5 CCR 14039, including the estimated costs of maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of non-classroom space school facilities or grounds

However, capital direct costs shall not be charged to organizations retained by the District or school to provide instruction or instructional activities to students during school hours or for classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after-school tutoring and child care programs. (5 CCR 14037)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

2. Operational direct costs calculated in accordance with 5 CCR 14040, including estimated costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of District employees and/or contracted workers, and salaries and benefits paid to District employees directly associated with the administration of the Civic Center Act to operate and maintain school facilities and grounds.

Direct cost fees shall not be discounted to any group or organization except when the discount is specifically authorized in the adopted fee schedule. (5 CCR 14041)

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 purposed or for the welfare of the District's students. (Education Code 38134)

Expending Funds Collected as Capital Direct Costs

Any funds collected as capital direct costs shall be deposited into a special fund to be used only for capital maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of school facilities and grounds.

(5 CCR 14042)

Funds collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited into a special fund that shall only be used for purposes of this section. (SB 1404, Section2 (II)(iii))