

Community Use of School Facilities

The Burlington School 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 subject to the following provisions:

The applicant, by signing the building use application, agrees to indemnify the district and any person whose property may be within the said building for loss or damage to such property caused by any person or persons attending said meeting or any damage or injury arising by reason of the holding of the said meeting. The district reserves the right to require a performance bond, proof of satisfactory liability insurance protection, or a deposit for protection of the building facility and equipment, and to guarantee the rental or expenses.

The school district reserves the right to refuse approval or to cancel any and all permits issued for the use of a school building or its facilities when it is deemed that such action is necessary for the best interests of the district.

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

Eligible Organizations

There shall guidelines of use when determining rental fees.

1. Use must be for purposes that are educational, charitable, and/or of general community interest. Such events must be open to the public in general with no admission charged or contributions taken. School related organizations such as peewee wrestling sponsored by a club helping school programs may charge an admission fee. There shall be no basic charge. Use by groups which the school district is a member of are in this category.
2. Private clubs or organizations of a nonprofit or community nature may use the facilities and be charged for operating costs provided no admission is charged or contributions collected. These groups must have Burlington ties.
3. All business or commercial organizations which use school buildings will be considered under this group. 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 \$100.00 deposit is required.) The groups must have Burlington ties.

4. College/University: Use must be for providing education to students or community members. There will be no basic charge.

Use of School Facilities for Private Gain

The use of school buildings and other facilities by any organization operated for private gain, or any purpose involving private gain, shall be permitted only when:

1. Such use is sponsored by some organization which is not operated for private gain;
2. Such use will not benefit principally the organization which is operated for private gain;
3. A worthy education, civic, or charitable purpose will be served;
4. A substantial group in the community will be benefited;
5. Alternate facilities are unavailable or available only at undue cost or inconvenience.

Such use of school facilities by employees of the district is discouraged.

Rental Charges and Approval of Use

All rentals of school facilities shall be approved by the building principal, or the superintendent. Fees for the use of school facilities shall be determined by the building principal or the superintendent based upon the rental charges and personnel fees approved by the Board.

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

CROSS REFS.: EDC, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials or Equipment

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