

MSAD #37'
USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

1. It shall be the policy of MSAD #37 to allow public use of its school facilities insofar as that use agrees with the law and is not in conflict with regular school use, for civic, educational, or charitable purposes. Requests by town officials and official committees will be accepted. Permission may be granted to group organizations conducting entertainment providing the proceeds are to be utilized for educational and civic purposes. Permission may be given to individuals representing recreational community "groups."
2. Request for such use of facilities must be approved through the building principal who is authorized to rule on said requests after consultation with and approval by the Superintendent. Citizens may appeal a negative decision to the Facilities, Maintenance, Safety, and Transportation Subcommittee.
3. Authority to grant the use of the gymnasiums for practice(s) by in-district groups is vested in the school principal.
4. Authority is also vested in the principal, acting upon the advice of the Superintendent, to grant use of the facility for routine meetings not in conflict with No. 1 above.
5. There is to be no smoking in school buildings or on school grounds at any time.
6. Facilities are not to be utilized for public dances except those run by regular school sponsorship.
7. At least one member of the staff shall be present during the entire time the facilities are in use. The exact number of staff members (including police) to be present is to be determined by the building principal.
8. The payment of expenses for employees, utilities, etc. will be assumed by the sponsoring organization after consultation with the principal.
9. Any school in the district shall be open to private use for wedding receptions and anniversary parties, funerals, and other events of a substantially similar nature.
10. Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in District-owned buildings or on District property is prohibited.
11. School facilities may be used as an emergency shelter by health care organizations, municipal officials, the Civil Defense Director, fire chief, or other designee(s) after the Superintendent and the Board Chair are informed and have provided permission.

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