

Community Use of School Facilities**WHO MAY USE**

The Board encourages the use of school buildings by school-related groups, Parent Teacher Associations, or other parent groups whose purpose is to serve or benefit the school program. Regular rental fees shall not be charged to school-related groups. Such groups shall reimburse the school district for any additional personnel costs.

The Board may grant the use of school facilities to responsible and organized groups for purposes that provide demonstrable benefit to the schools or to the community as a whole. School facilities shall not be used for personal or commercial activities.

The Board may authorize the use of school property by public members of the community during non-school hours for the purpose of recreation, sport, academic, literary, artistic, or community uses as defined in KRS Chapter 162 pursuant to this and other policies adopted by the Board and related procedures established by the Superintendent.¹

AVAILABILITY

Non-profit organizations, governmental agencies and individuals may use school buildings or facilities for lawful public assemblies, For-profit organizations may use school buildings or facilities for the purpose of providing before or after school enrichment and other educational programs for the benefit of students in attendance at the school.

Use of facilities shall not interfere with school functions and operations. Groups shall obtain necessary approvals and pay appropriate fees and costs prior to usage.

The Board shall determine when and which facilities will be available to the community and establish reasonable fees for their rental. To ensure that funds are not expended for non-school functions.

APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

The Board shall adopt an official application form and an official rental contract, both of which shall detail the conditions of usage. Persons authorized to represent officially the renting organization must sign the application and contract. Approval of a request to use District facilities does not signify District sponsorship, endorsement or approval of an organization or activity.

LIABILITY

The Board shall require a renting organization to assume all liability for injury to individuals by reason of the lease of Board property and that the organization indemnify and save harmless the Board from any loss or damage thereby.

INSURANCE

If the non-school related activity sponsored by the community group involves admission or is designated as a high-risk activity by the Superintendent or designee, the community group shall provide a certificate of liability insurance naming the Board as additional insured under the policy for the activity. High risk activities include all athletic events (practices, games, exhibitions, games, or other competitions). The use of trampolines is prohibited for all groups.

FEES

The renting group or organization shall be charged fees for the use of facilities as established by the board. A schedule of charges shall be developed to cover the cost of the purchase or use of District equipment, supplies, and human services required to respond to legitimate requests by individuals or organizations. Charges shall be reviewed and adjusted annually or more often if necessary in order to provide for adequate reimbursement for supplies and services.

Pursuant to this policy, the Superintendent shall establish and implement a facility use procedure for the use of school buildings by school-related groups and other organizations or individuals. Such procedures shall include a schedule of rental fees and charges.

Groups or organizations renting school facilities may be charged fees for any and all expenses incurred such as, but not limited to, fuel and electricity, custodial and food-service salaries, and repair of damages to or replacement of school property. A schedule of fees shall be approved annually by the Board.

EXCEPTION

Activities that are sponsored by approved student organizations, faculty groups, or school-related parent groups may use school facilities without charge when approved by the Superintendent and supervised by school personnel.

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REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 162.055](#)
[KRS 158.183](#); [KRS 160.290](#); [KRS 160.293](#); [KRS 160.340](#); [KRS 162.050](#)
[OAG 60-389](#); [OAG 80-78](#)
P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)
20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)

RELATED POLICY:

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