

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Policy No.4330

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The buildings and grounds of the Wenatchee Public Schools are primarily for public school purposes. No other use shall be permitted to interfere with the educational purposes for which these buildings and grounds are primarily intended.
- B. The school district desires to make school facilities equitably available during non-school hours. District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities.
- C. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but shall be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. Rent shall be charged in accordance with a fee schedule approved by the school district's board of directors. Such schedule shall provide for uniform levying of rental fees for the recovery of maintenance and operational costs to the district based upon the particular use of the school facility.
- D. The school district reserves the right to deny the use of school buildings or facilities for any use which, in the judgment of the board of directors, may be in any way prejudicial to the best interests of the school or the educational program, or for which satisfactory sponsorship or adequate adult supervision is not provided.
- E. The school district does not wish to compete with private enterprises or to encourage the use of school facilities for commercial or private purposes. It therefore reserves the right to reject any application for use of the school facility when it believes a commercial facility should be utilized.
- F. Authorization for the use of school facilities by a non-district organization does not constitute an endorsement of the organization, its philosophies, or its policies; and a denial of use does not constitute a rejection of an organization's purposes by the district.

Staff Use of Facilities

Employees of the Wenatchee School District and their direct family may use District facilities for personal purposes, provided that the employee does so at their own risk, the facility is available, the facility is the employee's place of work, and there is no significant cost to the district. This right does not extend to employees' friends or organizations with which they are affiliated. Staff members may also apply for use of facilities on the same terms as other members of the public as provided in this policy. Employees may not use school equipment or consumable supplies without express permission of the superintendent or designee in charge of the facility.

Legal References: AGO 1973 No. 26

RCW 28A.335.150

Initiative No. 276—School districts—Use of school facilities for presentation of programs--Legislature--Elections

Permitting use and rental of play grounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities

28A.320.510

Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities

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