

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The School Board may permit use of school property by members of the community when such use will not impair the efficiency of the school. The superintendent or superintendent's designee shall develop guidelines and applications for use of school property. Requests for the use of any school facilities can be made through the online facilities program provided by the Office of Administrative Services. A record of all scheduled activities is available on the online division-wide event calendar.

If the School Board permits the use of its facilities by members of the community or the distribution of literature on school property or at school functions, it will permit such use or such distribution by the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and other youth groups designated as patriotic societies by federal law, to the same extent and in the same manner as all other persons or groups.

Indoor and outdoor usage will be scheduled based on the following priority:

1st: School-sponsored or school-related groups (i.e., PTAs and booster clubs)

2nd: County and governmental agencies

3rd: Community-based groups; non-profit organizations; colleges/universities

TYPE OF ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED:

- a. Any activity that may be injurious to the buildings, grounds or equipment;
- b. Any purpose in conflict with school activities;
- c. Usage by for-profit organizations;
- d. Any activity for private, personal, or commercial gain, to include raffles, lotteries, and gambling;
- e. Fund-raising campaigns, except as permitted by Board policy or special action of the Board;
- f. Personal or private celebrations;
- g. Car washes; or
- h. Continued use over extended periods of time by organizations, in lieu of erecting their own buildings.

GRANTING OF APPROVAL:

- a. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is authorized to approve and arrange for scheduling the use of school facilities by applicants satisfying the above purpose and limitations, subject to possible School Board review.
- b. The School Board reserves the right to withdraw the school facilities permit at the end of any period or to withdraw the permit from use before requested time for sufficient and stated cause.
- c. Procedures for use of school facilities are delineated in the Facilities Use Manual.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. § 7905

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-79.3, 22.1-130.1, 22.131, 22.1-132.

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CROSS REFERENCES: IGDA Student Organizations
KF Distribution of Information/Materials

Facilities Use Manual