

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Governing Board believes that school facilities and grounds are a vital community resource which should be used to foster community involvement and development. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of school facilities by district residents and community groups for purposes specified in the Civic Center Act, to the extent that such use does not interfere with school activities or other school-related uses.

(cf. 6145.5 – Student Organizations and Equal Access)

For effective management and control of school facilities and grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures and regulations that: (Education Code 38133)

1. Aid, encourage, and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities
2. Preserve order in school facilities and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this task, if necessary

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive School Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

3. Ensure that the use of facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with their use for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work

(cf. 6115) – Ceremonies and Observances)

There shall be no advertising on school facilities or grounds except as allowed by district policy specified in BP 1325 – Advertising and Promotion.

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As necessary to ensure efficient use of school facilities, the Superintendent or designee may, with the Board’s approval, enter into an agreement for the joint use of any school facilities or grounds. The Board shall approve any such agreement only if it determines that it is in the best interest of the district and the community.

FEES

The Board shall adopt a comprehensive schedule of fees to be charged for community use of school facilities and grounds, including, but not limited to, the multipurpose room(s), playing or athletic field(s), track and field venue(s), tennis court(s), and outdoor basketball court(s). The schedule of fees shall be prepared in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (5 CCR 14041)

(cf. 9320 – Meetings and Notices)

The Board believes that the use of school facilities and grounds should not result in costs to the district. The Superintendent or designee shall charge all groups granted the use of school

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facilities or grounds under the Civic Center Act an amount not exceeding direct costs determined in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (Education Code 38134)

Additionally, when any use of school facilities or grounds is for religious services, the district shall charge an amount at least equal to the district's direct costs. (Education Code 38134)

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of each, or each type of, school facility or grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall calculate, in accordance with 5 CCR 14038, the community's proportionate share of the following costs: (Education Code 38134; 5 CCR 14038-14041)

1. Capital direct costs calculate in accordance with 5 CCR 14039, including the estimated costs of maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of non-classroom space school facilities or grounds

However, capital direct costs shall not be charged to organizations retained by the district or school to provide instruction or instructional activities to students during school hours or for classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after-school, tutoring, and child care programs. (5 CCR 14037)

(cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs)

2. Operational direct costs calculated in accordance with 5 CCR 14040, including estimated costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of district employees and/or contracted workers, and salaries and benefits paid to district employees directly associated with the administration of the Civic Center Act to operate and maintain school facilities and grounds.

Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students. (Education Code 38134)

EXPENDING FUNDS COLLECTED AS CAPITAL DIRECT COSTS

Any funds collected as capital direct costs shall be deposited into a special fund to be used only for capital maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of school facilities and grounds. (5 CCR 14042)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[10900-10914.5](#) *Community recreation programs*

[32282](#) *School safety plan*

[37220](#) *School holidays*

[38130-38138](#) *Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

[25608](#) *Alcoholic beverage on school premises*

GOVERNMENT CODE

[54950-54963](#) *The Ralph M. Brown Act*

MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

[1800](#) *Definitions*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[14037-14042](#) *Proportionate direct costs for use of school facilities and grounds*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[7905](#) *Equal access to public school facilities*

COURT DECISIONS

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, (2001) 533 U.S. 98

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, (1993) 508 U.S. 384

Cole v. Richardson, (1972) 405 U.S. 676

Connell v. Higgenbotham, (1971) 403 U.S. 207

ACLU v. Board of Education of Los Angeles, (1961) 55 Cal .2d 167

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Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

WEB SITES

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