

POLICY

Pleasantville Board of Education

Section: Property
7510. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
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The district facilities belong to the community, which paid for them for the primary purpose of offering a full educational program for its children. Prudent use and management of school facilities outside of the regular operating schedules, providing that such use does not interfere with the orderly conduct of a thorough and efficient system of education, allows the community to benefit more broadly from the use of its own property.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities upon the submission of a completed application and approval by the Board for:

1. Uses and groups directly related to the school and the operations of the school;
2. Uses and organizations indirectly related to the school;
3. Departments or agencies of the municipal government;
4. Other governmental agencies;
5. Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, religious, or educational purposes.

Because the use of school facilities result in additional operating costs to the district, fees have been established to ensure that the district does not incur expenditures that drain resources from our primary educational responsibility to our children. The Board has established categories of user groups to define priorities when scheduling conflicts exist and to assess reasonable use fees.

The categories are as follows:

Category I - Included in this category are groups whom directly support the educational mission of the district and are officially sponsored by the district. Examples include after school clubs under the direction of a school employee or Board approved volunteer, PTA sponsored activities, and after school programs. Fees are waived for groups in this category.

Category II - Included in this category are non-profit community groups, civic clubs, charitable organizations, religious organizations, scouting organizations, etc., located

within the City of Pleasantville. Nominal fees will be assessed to groups in this category to assist in recovering personnel and utilities costs.

Category III – Included in this category are commercial, non-profit organizations located outside of the City of Pleasantville, and groups and individuals hosting private social events. Reasonable fees will be assessed to groups in this category to recoup all costs to the district associated with the use of the facility.

The Superintendent or Board of Education may refuse to grant the use of a school building whenever in their judgment there is good reason why permission should be refused.

Smoking is prohibited at all times in any district building. No one may bring alcoholic beverages onto any school property. All facility use shall comply with State and local fire, health, safety and police regulations.

The buildings shall not be available for community use during holidays, or when the programs interfere with cleaning and maintenance schedules.

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted by the procedure by which permission to use facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept liability for any damage to or loss of such equipment that occurs while it is in use. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified district employee.

Use of district equipment on the premises by nonschool personnel is limited to the equipment that is an integral part of the facility being used, i.e., the stage lights and piano in the auditorium, the basketball baskets in the gym. No district equipment shall be removed from the premises for use without the approval of the Board.

The Board shall require that all users of school facilities comply with policies of the Board and the rules and regulations of this district. Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by such rules.

The school district shall provide a copy of Policy and Regulation 2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries to all youth sports team organizations that operate on school grounds or in school facilities. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.5, the school district shall not be liable for the injury or death of a person due to the action or inaction of persons employed by, or under contract with, a youth sports team organization that uses school facilities or operates on school grounds if the youth sports team organization provides the school district proof of an insurance policy in the amount of not less than \$50,000 per person, per occurrence; insuring the youth sports team organization against liability for any bodily injury suffered by a person. The youth sports team organization must also provide a statement of compliance with the school district's Policy and Regulation 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries.

For the purpose of this Policy, a “youth sports team organization” means one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group, or organization not the purposes they represent.

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