

Community Use of District Facilities

The Board encourages the use of district facilities (buildings and property) by community members for educational, service and recreational activities. The Board recognizes the following principles governing the use of school properties:

1. School facilities have been provided by the taxpayers primarily for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for the students of the district.
2. Recreational and other community activities are part of the total education of students.
3. All community members participate in the costs of school construction and operation.
4. Use of school buildings and property by community members increases the return to the public for its investment in school property.

The Board expects all users to treat the district facilities with respect, including adherence to all district policies including those regarding the prohibition of the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products on school property.

The Board expects that all community users contribute to the cost of facility operation during their time of usage as well as to the long-term sustainability of the district facilities. The Board recognizes a priority list of users and appropriate fee schedule. (See Fee Schedule.)

Community users will be permitted and encouraged to use district facilities for worthwhile purposes when such uses will not interfere with school programs. All arrangements will be subject to the provisions which follow:

Eligible Organizations

There are four prioritized categories for the use of district facilities. These have been established for the purpose of determining rental charges and other fees.

- Category 1 – School District Activities: District-sponsored activities for students, parents or patrons.
- Category 2 – Community-based Organizations that Serve Youth: Use must be for purposes that primarily serve the students in the Silver Falls School District.
- Category 3 – Civic and Nonprofit Organizations: Community organizations that are civic or service in nature and/or have a general community interest.

Category 4 – Private for Profit Organizations: All private parties, business or commercial organizations which use school buildings will be considered under this group. Included will be community and non-community groups requesting use of district facilities for fund-raising purposes which are not necessarily devoted to educational, charitable or community interest activities. Admission may be charged or contributions received. Such a group will be charged in accordance with fees approved by the Board.

Rental Charges and Approval of Use

All rentals of district facilities will be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee. Fees for the use of district facilities will be determined by the superintendent based upon the rental charges and personnel fees approved by the Board.

Specific regulations will be the responsibility of the superintendent, except as special requests are not covered by Board policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 330.430](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.172](#)

Cross Reference(s):

DFD - Rental and Service Charges

KA/KAA - District-Community Relations Goals and Objectives

KI - Public Solicitation in District Facilities

KM - Relations with Community Organizations