

COMMUNITY RELATIONS
NONSCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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The District has established a limited open forum for nonschool use of District facilities in accordance with this policy.

The District shall provide equal access to youth groups designated in federal law, including the Boy Scouts, as it provides to other nonschool users of District facilities. [See PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES in GKD(LEGAL)]

SCOPE OF USE

The District shall permit nonschool use of designated District facilities for educational, recreational, civic, or social activities when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

Approval shall not be granted for any purpose that would damage District property or to any group that has damaged District property.

Note: See the following policies for other information regarding facilities use:

- Use by employee professional organizations: DGA
- Use of facilities for school-sponsored and school-related activities: FM
- Use by noncurriculum-related student groups: FNAB
- Use by District-affiliated school-support organizations: GE

NONPROFIT FUND-
RAISING

The District shall permit nonprofit organizations to conduct fund-raising events on District property when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

FOR-PROFIT USE

The District shall permit individuals and for-profit organizations to use its facilities for financial gain when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons, although for profit, serve an important school purpose because the lessons enable students to be more proficient; therefore, a separate fee schedule for private lessons for students participating in the District's band, orchestra, or choir program shall be established by the Superintendent or designee. Criminal history checks shall be required of all persons providing individualized instruction on a District campus. The fine arts department shall be responsible for obtaining and monitoring the criminal history checks in accordance with administrative regulations.

POLITICAL SIGNS ON
DISTRICT PROPERTY

Campaign signs are prohibited on all District property except on Election Day. On Election Day, the following shall apply:

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1. Placement of campaign signs shall be limited to campuses and facilities that are designated as polling places.
2. Signs shall be allowed only on the official Election Day and not during any early voting period.
3. Signs may be placed at designated polling places from 5:00 p.m. the day before the election until 7:00 a.m. the day after the election.
4. Administrators shall have authority to remove a sign that is clearly inappropriate for a school setting.
5. Signs shall not impede visibility for safe and efficient ingress and egress to or from the campus, either by vehicle or for pedestrians, or cause any other type of safety hazard. Signs shall not disrupt normal school activities.
6. Only temporary outdoor yard signs are allowed. Signs shall not be posted inside a building nor attached to a District structure.
7. Signs that would damage District landscaping, irrigation systems, or other property shall not be permitted.

The District shall assume no responsibility for the content of the signs, including but not limited to, the required Election Code disclosures about who is responsible for the payment of the advertisement, the Transportation Code language about highway right-of-way, or any other required content of the advertising.

SCHEDULING

Requests for nonschool use of District facilities shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, in accordance with time lines in administrative regulations.

Academic and extracurricular activities sponsored by the District shall always have priority when any use is scheduled. [See FM] The executive director for facilities shall have authority to cancel a scheduled nonschool use if an unexpected conflict arises with a District activity.

APPROVAL OF USE

The executive director for facilities is authorized to approve any nonschool use of any District facility, consistent with this policy.

EXCEPTION

No approval shall be required for nonschool-related recreational use of the District's unlocked, outdoor recreational facilities, such as the track, playgrounds, tennis courts, and the like, when the facilities are not in use by the District or for a scheduled nonschool purpose.

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The District may permit access to the middle school track facilities, but prohibit access to the competition playing field. When nonschool use of the competition playing field is prohibited, the District shall post signs around the edge of the field to provide notice, while still allowing the public to utilize the track surrounding the field.

If the gates to any facility are locked, then all access is denied to the entire facility.

EMERGENCY
USE

In case of emergencies or disasters, the Superintendent may authorize the use of District facilities by civil defense, health, or emergency service authorities.

REPEATED USE

The District shall permit repeated use by a group or organization for nonschool purposes.

EXCEPTION

The limitations on repeated use by a nonschool group or organization shall not apply to any group or organization when the primary participants in the activities are school-aged children.

USE AGREEMENT

Any organization or individual approved for a nonschool use of District facilities shall be required to complete a written agreement indicating receipt and understanding of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations, and acknowledging that the District is not liable for any personal injury or damages to personal property related to the nonschool use.

FEES FOR USE

Nonschool users shall be charged a fee for the use of designated District facilities.

The executive director for facilities shall establish and publish a schedule of fees based on the cost of the physical operation of the facilities, as well as any applicable personnel costs for supervision, custodial services, food services, security, and technology services.

EXCEPTIONS

Fees shall not be charged when District facilities are used:

1. For public meetings sponsored by state or local governmental agencies; or
2. By District employee professional organizations [see DGA].

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Persons or groups using District facilities shall:

1. Conduct business in an orderly manner.
2. Abide by all laws and policies, including but not limited to, those prohibiting the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms, and the use of tobacco products or e-cigarettes on school property. [See GKA]

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3. Make no alteration, temporary or permanent, to school property without prior written consent from the Superintendent.

All groups using District facilities shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damages incurred during use and shall be required to indemnify the District for the cost of any such repairs.