

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are designed to provide for the educational and recreational programs of the School District. However, the Legislature has delegated to the School Board sole authority to grant limited use of portions of the facilities under conditions the Board may see fit to impose. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations and other groups. The use of school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures.

The Board in exercising its powers authorizes:

- Temporary use of school facilities by local organizations or community groups sponsoring activities for girls and boys of school age for carrying out educational and recreational programs in keeping with the mission of the School District. This temporary use is available during non-school hours when such use does not: (1) interfere with any school function or the safety of students or employees, or (2) affect the property or liability of the School District; and
- Use of the Middlefork School gymnasium pursuant to implementation of the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the School District and the Northfield Park District (designated as a Community Center).

The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

- Political rallies and electioneering activities by individuals or groups are not allowed on school grounds.
- Adult supervision of all activities is required.
- School Code prohibits alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and nuisances on school grounds.
- Any group using school facilities must have a Medical Emergency Plan which requires a trained AED user be present during all supervised physical activities conducted on school grounds. The Superintendent has the power to revoke any temporary use agreement.

LEGAL REF.: Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §7905.
10 LCS 5/19-2.2.
105 CS 5/10-20.40, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.
Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001).
Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).
Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).