

Woodland Township School District

Chatsworth Elementary School

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USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

POLICY #1330

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 Woodland Township Board of Education will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested in writing, and has been approved by the chief school administrator for:

- A. Uses and groups directly related to the school and the operations of the school;
- B. Uses and organizations indirectly related to the school;
- C. Departments or agencies of the municipal government;
- D. Other governmental agencies;
- E. Community organizations formed for charitable, civic or educational purposes.

The use of school facilities shall not be granted for the advantage of any commercial or profit-making organization, private social functions, or any purpose which is prohibited by law.

In the event that the chief school administrator deems it advisable, any application may be submitted to the board of education for action.

The chief school administrator or board of education may refuse to grant the use of the 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, or on school grounds. 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, vacation periods, or during the time school is not in session over the summer, 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 operator.

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 and piano, the basketball baskets in the gym. No district equipment shall be removed from the premises for use by nondistrict personnel.

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The board shall require that all users of school facilities comply with policies of this 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.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group or organization nor the purposes they represent.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

- N.J.S.A. 2C:33-16 Alcoholic beverages; bringing or possession on school property by person of legal age; penalty
- N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
- N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34 Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
- N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act
et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)
- N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)4 Policies and procedures for school facility operation
- 20 U.S.C.A. 4071 – 4074 – Equal Access Act
- GOALS 2000: Educate America Act (Pro Children Act of 1994), Pub. L. 103-227
- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.
- Resnick v. East Brunswick Twp. Bd. of Ed., 77 N.J. 88 (1978)
- Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, 120 S.Ct. 2446 (2000)
- Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001)

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