

## 7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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 when such permission has been requested in writing and has been approved by the Superintendent 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; and
5. Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, or educational purposes.

In the event the Superintendent deems it advisable, any application may be submitted to the Board of Education for action.

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. The Board reserves the right to withdraw permission after it has been granted in the event circumstances change requiring such school facilities or school grounds will be needed for a school district purpose or due to a school closing due to weather or other emergency.

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 school facilities shall not be available for community use during holidays, vacation periods, days in which there is an emergency closing 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 non-school 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 by non-district personnel.

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 with 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 team 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.

**The Board shall provide to all persons who supervise youth programs that are not sponsored by the school district, but operate a program in a district building before or after school hours, on the weekend, or during a period when school is not in session, information on the district’s school practices and procedures in the event of a school safety or security incident at a school including non-confidential information on evacuation procedures, emergency response protocols, and emergency contact information in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7.**



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.

Permission to use school facilities shall be granted only to persons and organization that agree to the terms of Policy and Regulation 7510, the requirement as outlined in the use of school facilities application, and in accordance with the terms outlined in the approval granted by the school district.

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.

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