

Community Use of School Facilities

School district property in Colorado is state property held in trust for the state by local boards of education. The local school board may permit use of District facilities for other than District purposes according to established policies.

The St. Vrain Valley School District is an integral part of each community it serves. District facilities are centrally located in most neighborhoods and are a logical focal point for community activities. The school district supports community activities and encourages use of its facilities as community centers.

This policy and the accompanying regulation are intended to encourage facility use, reflect the District's priority for quality education and recognize the community as a partner. The separate fee structure for user groups shall ensure that the District will spend its money directly on the education of youth while promoting community use of District facilities and community involvement in the schools. Direct costs and additional fees for use/services will be assessed pursuant to this policy.

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of prioritizing use of District facilities for youth related activities, and has established its fee structure to reflect that priority, encouraging direct benefit to the youth in our community.

Any individual, group or organization using school property as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all District officers, agents and employees free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during, or be in any way caused by, such use or occupancy. When using school facilities, organizations may be required to furnish satisfactory liability insurance protection.

Approval for use of District facilities does not constitute District endorsement of any organization, the beliefs of the organization or group, the expression of any opinion regarding the nomination, retention, election, or defeat of any candidate, nor the expression of any opinion as to passage or defeat of any election issue.

Permitted Uses Not Subject to Fees Other Than Direct Costs:

1. District sponsored activities
2. District recognized parent organizations engaging in educational (co-curricular) activities
3. Precinct caucuses
4. Government elections
5. Police/Fire Department training
6. Activities of agencies not subject to fees as defined by a current joint use agreement with the District

Permitted Uses Subject to the Fee Schedules Shown in KF-E:

1. Community youth and adult activities sponsored by:
 - a. Non profit organizations and District recognized parent organizations engaging in extra-curricular activities

- b. Service clubs
 - c. Community groups
 - d. Recreational organizations
 - e. Activities of agencies who are not a partner in a current joint use agreement with the District
 - f. Religious organizations
 - g. Partisan political organizations
2. Corporate or private profit making activities for educational purposes when sponsored by or held in cooperation with a school
 3. Corporate or private group events such as recitals, performances, graduation ceremonies, and holiday or themed programs

Prohibited Uses

District facilities shall not be used:

1. for any purpose which could result in unlawful picketing, rioting, disturbing the peace, or damage to District or neighboring property, or for any other purpose that is prohibited by law.
2. for activities defined as gambling by the State statutes.
3. for private social gatherings such as birthday parties, weddings, receptions, funerals, and memorials.
4. for any activity which would be in competition with a District program.
5. during the regular school day or during extra curricular activities.
6. during periods when schools and/or grounds are closed due to construction, maintenance, or repairs.
7. during non student contact days, winter break, spring break, or the summer months except for ongoing year round activities as approved by the administration or designee. **This applies to indoor use only.**
8. for activities which would be incompatible with the school neighborhood.
9. for activities that could jeopardize the safety or security of individuals or District property.
10. for corporate or private profit making activities or events except as defined above.

The District reserves the right to deny or cancel all contracts and agreements for community use of school facilities and fields without penalty to the District when it is determined by the administration or designee that such action is in the best interest of the District.

The following facilities shall not be subject to this policy:

1. Vance Brand Civic Auditorium
2. Longmont High School Auditorium
3. Niwot High School Auditorium
4. Frederick High School Auditorium

Requests for use of these facilities shall be made directly to the corresponding auditorium manager.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(f) Board of education – specific powers
20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

CROSS REFS.: ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools
EDC, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
KBE, Relations with Parent Organizations
KHC, Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials

CONTRACT REF.: SVVEA Agreement, Article 30–Association Rights, Section 30.4–
School Facilities,

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