

Community Relations

Use of School Facilities

The Governing Board believes that school facilities and grounds are a vital community resource which should be used to foster community involvement and development. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of school facilities by district residents and community groups for purposes specified in the Civic Center Act, to the extent that such use does not interfere with school activities or other school-related uses.

School-related activities shall have priority in the use of school facilities and grounds. Other uses authorized under the Civic Center Act shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

As necessary to ensure efficient use of school facilities, the Superintendent or designee may, with the Board's approval, enter into an agreement for the joint use of any school facilities or grounds. The Board shall approve any such agreement only if it determines that it is in the best interest of the district and the community.

Subject to prior approval by the Board, the Superintendent or designee may grant the use of school facilities on those days on which the school is closed. (Education Code 37220) (cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

For the effective management and control of school facilities and grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures and regulations that: (Education Code 38133)

1. Aid, encourage, and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities
2. Preserve order in school buildings and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this task, if necessary (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)
3. Ensure that the use of school facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with their use for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work

There shall be no advertising on school facilities and grounds except as allowed by district policy specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion. (cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Fees

The Board shall grant the use of school facilities or grounds without charge to school-related organizations whose activities are directly related to or for the benefit of district schools. All other groups requesting the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs. If the use of school facilities or grounds is for religious services, the group shall be charged an amount that equals or exceeds direct costs determined in accordance with Education Code 38134.

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of school facilities or grounds, including, but not limited to, playing or athletic fields, track and field venues, tennis courts, and outdoor basketball courts, the Superintendent or designee shall include a proportionate share of the costs of the following: (Education Code 38134)

1. Supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of district employees, and salaries of district employees directly associated with operation and maintenance of the school facilities or grounds involved
2. Maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of the school facilities or grounds

However, for classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after-school, tutoring, and child care programs, direct costs to be charged shall not include the cost of maintenance, repair, restoration, or refurbishment of the school facilities or grounds. (Education Code 38134)

Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students. (Education Code 38134)

Contributions in lieu of fees

From time to time, a group using school facilities may wish to provide services, supplies, equipment or materials in lieu of all or a portion of the use fee. Such projects must be approved by the Principal and the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Projects may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Alterations, additions or repairs to buildings or grounds
- b. Installation of athletic apparatus and equipment
- c. Installation of irrigation systems and field renovation
- d. Installation of marquees and signs
- e. Planting, pruning or removal of trees or shrubs
- f. Donation of bleachers, benches and batting cages

- g. Donation of supplies and materials to improve facilities.

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Contributions in lieu of fees (continued)

Requests to provide services, equipment, etc. in lieu of use fees should be submitted in writing

(showing the cost or value of the services, equipment, etc.) and attached to a Use of Facility application. Groups whose requests are approved will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the services, etc. to be provided.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 Community recreation programs

32282 School safety plan

37220 School holidays

38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 Alcoholic beverage on school premises

MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

1800 Definitions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7905 Equal access to public school facilities

COURT DECISIONS

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, (2001) 533 U.S. 98

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, (1993) 508 U.S. 384

Cole v. Richardson, (1972) 405 U.S. 676

Connell v. Higgenbotham, (1971) 403 U.S. 207

ACLU v. Board of Education of Los Angeles, (1961) 55 Cal .2d 167

Ellis v. Board of Education, (1945) 27 Cal.2d 322

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 90 (1999)

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 248 (1996)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity Through Joint Use of Facilities, Policy Brief, February 2010

Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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