

## **USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The Board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but shall be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes.

The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into four (4) categories:

### Group A – Riverview School District Activities

All Riverview School District schools and departments, ASB sponsored events, Riverview Educational Foundation, PTSA, Booster Club, staff groups, and District advisory groups and polling places. This group will also include presidential political caucuses and governmental groups.

### Group B – Community Recreational/Educational Activities

#### Group B1 – Youth within Riverview School District, Community Recreational/Educational Activities

This includes non-profit youth-related groups or other community organizations with a membership roster of at least 65% residency within the boundaries of the Riverview School District. Examples are: scouts, campfire, 4-H, Little League youth sports, YMCA, service clubs, community clubs, city-sponsored recreation groups.

#### Group B2 – Youth Outside Riverview School District, Community Recreational/Educational Activities

This includes youth-related groups or other organizations outside the Riverview School District, such as scouts, campfire, 4-H, Little League youth sports, YMCA, service clubs, community clubs, city sponsored recreation groups.

#### Group B3 – Adults within Riverview School District, Community Recreational/Educational Activities

Included are adult groups and organizations with a membership roster of at least 65% residency within the boundaries of the Riverview School District conducting a community educational or recreational activity.

#### Group B4 – Adults outside Riverview School District, Community Recreational/Educational Activities

This includes adult groups and organizations outside of Riverview School District conducting an educational or recreational activity.

## Group C – Non-Profit Groups and Organizations

### Group C1 – Non-Profit Groups and Organizations:

Includes organizations which might wish to use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, college courses, or other activities for which public halls or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The district shall charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred, except that such excess charges may be waived when a service club or other non-profit group is raising funds for non-sectarian charitable purposes.

Professional fundraisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the State of Washington. Such fundraisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities. Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the request of the district.

Non-profit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, garden clubs etc.) who wish to use district facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate, but may not average more than twelve (12) hours of use per week. School facilities shall be made available to church groups on a short-term basis and shall not be rented as a permanent meeting place.

### Group C2 - Riverview Community Fine Arts Groups and Organizations:

Includes local community groups and organizations who wish to use district facilities for non-profit arts and entertainment opportunities for the Riverview Community. Examples include the Duvall Arts Commission, Duvall Foundation for the Arts, and the Cascade Performing Arts Council.

## Group D – Commercial Enterprises and Profit Making Organizations

Includes profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the district would prefer organizations to use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented at the prevailing rate charged by commercial facilities in the area.

## All Groups

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity, group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

Pursuant to Chapter 49.60 RCW, the District prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct, or administration of community athletics programs for youth or adults that use District facilities.

Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.

Those using school facilities shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization. In the event that property loss or damage is incurred during such use or occupancy, the amount of damage shall be decided by the Superintendent and/or designee, and a bill for the damages shall be presented to the group using the facilities at time of loss or damage. The District reserves the right to deny any application.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields or athletic facilities
	28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs - Limited immunity
	28A.600	Students
	4.24.660	Liability of school districts under contract with youth programs
	AGO 1973 No. 26, Initiative No. 276	School districts--Use of school Facilities for presentation of programs--Legislature--Elections

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