

Board Policy

Code No. 905.1

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

School district facilities and equipment will be made available to local nonprofit entities which promote cultural, educational, civic, community, or recreational activities. "Entity(ies)" will include organizations, groups and individuals and their agents. Such use will be permitted only when the use does not interfere with or disrupt the education program or school-related activity, the use is consistent with state law, and will end no later than midnight. It is within the discretion of the Board to allow for-profit entities to use school district facilities and equipment. The Board reserves the right to deny use of the facilities to any entity. It shall be within the discretion of the Superintendent to allow use of school district facilities on Sundays.

Organizations, individuals, and other entities who wish to use the school district facilities (indoor and outdoor) must complete the online application and provide the required documentation. The link to online rental requests can be found on the Bettendorf Community School District website at www.bettschools.org by clicking on "Community" then "Facility Rental". The building designee is responsible for verifying that the online application is properly and consistently completed.

Any entity using a facility shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance providing no less than \$1 million limit for bodily injury and/or property damage. Said coverage shall name the Bettendorf Community School District as an additional named insured. Said groups must have at least one responsible adult present during the time facilities are being used. School sponsored activities will be given priority over outside activities for use of school facilities. No gratuities are to be paid to school personnel by organizations for using facilities. All rents and deposits shall be paid online during the application process.

Entities that use school district buildings, or equipment, or sites must leave the building or site in the same condition it was in prior to its use. Inappropriate use of school district facilities and equipment may result in additional fees charged to, or the inability of, the entity to use school district facilities or equipment in the future.

Local civic, religious, fraternal, patriotic, community welfare organizations (including any group interested in promoting cultural, educational or recreational activities), and school groups recognized by the Bettendorf School District, are eligible to contract to use auditoriums, gymnasiums, classrooms and other school properties, provided the activities conducted or to be conducted are not contrary to public interest, as determined by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Directors, or as provided by law.

Conditions for facility use beyond general policies herein established shall be competitive with similar facilities in the area, but not below estimated maintenance and utility costs.

The Board of Directors recognizes that the general objectives of post-high school and adult programs shall be the same as those of other levels of public education. These general objectives include preparing individuals for democratic citizenship, providing individuals with means for economic improvement and cultural development, and enriching the personal lives of the participating individuals.

The public schools shall not be used to promote private gain.

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