

Use of School Facilities

GROUNDS

- I. School grounds as public properties shall be available to the general public at times when the grounds are not being used for school purposes. The general public has a responsibility not to cause any damage to the property or become a nuisance to adjoining property owners and others in the neighborhood.

It is realized that in determining the above policy, each case should be dealt with separately. However, the following regulations are intended to serve as a guide:

- A. School playgrounds are made available for organized athletic leagues when not in conflict with school programs upon receipt and approval of a School Board use agreement application and a valid insurance certificate.
- B. Mobile vendors selling products to students are to remain a minimum of 500 feet from school property at all times.
- C. No aircraft, lighter-than-air-craft, automobiles, motor scooters, motor bikes, or other such vehicles, licensed or unlicensed, are to be operated on school grounds.
 1. Exceptions to the above rule:
 - a. Police or medical emergency vehicles, which are being operated during a bona fide emergency.
 - b. Vehicles and aircraft affiliated with the Baker Aviation School.
 - c. Board-owned maintenance and transportation vehicles.
 - d. Vehicles of any type used for demonstration or educational purposes.
 - e. Parking on school grounds, in accordance with 6Gx13-1D-1.01 and 1.07.
- D. Model gas or rocket-powered airplanes, cars, and other such vehicles may be permitted on school fields unless there is unreasonable disturbance to the neighborhood as determined

by the local law enforcement authorities or unless Board action has specifically denied such permission.

- E. Bicycles, roller skates, skate boards, and the use of other such contrivances are not permitted in building areas.
 - F. Baseball and other such sport activities shall be permitted as long as there is no damage to neighboring or school property.
 - G. The language, behavior, and dress of persons using school playgrounds shall be of a moral and ethical nature at all times.
 - H. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs/mood modifiers, or any gambling devices are permitted on school grounds at any time. Weapons, including licensed, concealed weapons, are prohibited, except when in the possession of law enforcement officers during the execution of their official duties.
 - I. Activities of any type shall not be permitted on school grounds after sunset unless persons are in possession of an approved School Board use agreement application. Paved parking area usage is included in building rental rates. All other parking on school grounds must be in accordance with Board Rules 6Gx13- 1D-1.01 and 1.07.
 - J. One varsity bonfire rally per year is authorized under controlled conditions for senior high schools only. Contact the Department of Safety, Environment, and Hazards Management for requirements. Setting any other type of fire on school grounds is strictly forbidden.
 - K. Animals are not permitted in/on school grounds, Board-owned or leased properties except for authorized Board security programs, approved science programs, and for the purpose of aiding the handicapped.
 - L. No unlicensed fireworks of any kind will be permitted on School Board property. No licensed fireworks demonstration will take place on School Board property without specific prior Board approval of the event.
- II. Applications for summer use of school fields must be filed during the month of January in order to be given first consideration. No application will be considered if filed prior to January 1st. Applications received after January 31st will be considered according to the earliest filing date and availability of facilities. The application must in-

clude the following information:

- A. League or groups with which team is associated;
- B. Age group of team;
- C. Size and type of playing field required.

III. Priority for field use will be given on the following basis:

- A. Annual lease agreements for approved 12 months' recreation programs;
- B. Use of field during previous summer through filing of proper application and having maintained proper supervision;
- C. County recreation programs (schools in unincorporated areas);
- D. City recreation programs (schools within boundaries of city);
- E. Earliest application filing date and availability (application filing date is the date the application is received by the Department of Plant Operations).

IV. School playgrounds are made available for organized athletic leagues (when not in conflict with school programs and upon receipt of application) for school children without charge, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Agreements are to be for a period no longer than three months.
- B. Adequate adult supervision must be maintained at all times by a minimum of one adult supervisor at least 21 years old.
- C. School grounds are not to be changed or altered, and construction will not be permitted without a separate advance agreement.
- D. Buildings are not to be used unless an application for the use of rest rooms has been approved and the organization has agreed to the payment of minimum standard charge.
- E. Only the area assigned by the principal or his/her authorized representative is to be used, and the organization will relocate on the field at such time as it may be asked in order to provide

even wear on the turf.

- F. Equipment storage remains the sole responsibility of the organization.
 - G. Playing field sizes shall be limited to 60-foot base paths at elementary schools and 75- and 90- foot base paths at secondary schools.
 - H. Damage to school or neighboring facilities may be cause for suspension.
- V. None of the information given above is intended to release the organization from the responsibility of knowing the conditions of the Use Agreement on the reverse side of the standard rental application, but is rather intended to clarify some points that are most often questioned.
- VI. The Board recognizes that it is not possible to incorporate every situation or event into the guidelines and, therefore, allows for exceptions to be made on an individual basis, as determined by specific merits of each occurrence. Requests for such exceptions must be addressed to the Chief Facilities Officer, Facilities Planning and Construction for evaluation and decision.

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