

La Canada USD

Board Policy

Use Of School Facilities

BP 1330

Community Relations

The Governing Board recognizes that district facilities and grounds are a vital community resource whose primary purpose is to be used for school programs and activities. The Board authorizes the use of school facilities by district residents and community groups for purposes provided for specified in the Civic Center Act when to the extent that such use does not interfere with school activities or other school-related uses.

(cf. ~~3513.3 - Tobacco Free Schools~~)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

The Superintendent or designee shall give priority to school-related activities 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.

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 facilities and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this task, if necessary

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness 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

~~Charges and Priorities~~

~~Charges normally shall be made for use of school facilities and property by individuals and organizations.~~ Priorities for granting community use shall be considered when applications for use are made. The priority ranking shall be:

1. School district use
2. School support group use
3. Community use

4. Lease use
5. Commercial use

Priority within each rank will be given to previously successful activities. Applications may be filed no more than ~~90~~ 180 days to initial use. Changes will be limited thereafter to school district uses. Applications are valid from July 1 to June 30 of any year.

Subject to prior approval by the Board, the Superintendent or designee may grant the use of school facilities or grounds on those days on which district schools are closed. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

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

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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.

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

Fees

The Board shall adopt a comprehensive schedule of fees to be charged for community use of school facilities and grounds, including, but not limited to, the multipurpose room(s), playing or athletic field(s), track and field venue(s), tennis court(s), and outdoor basketball court(s). The schedule of fees shall be prepared in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (5 CCR 14041)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

The Board authorizes the use of school facilities or grounds without charge for facilities by nonprofit organizations, clubs, or associations organized to promote youth and school activities. Costs to the district for staffing support will be charged when needed. As specified in Education Code 38134(a), these groups include, but are not limited to, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire USA, YMCA, parent-teacher associations, and school-community advisory councils. Other groups that request the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act, including nonprofit groups not organized to promote youth and school activities and for-profit groups, shall be charged an amount not exceeding direct costs determined in accordance with 5 CCR 14037-14041. (Education Code 38134)

~~In accordance with Education Code 39134, the Board authorizes, but does not require, at the Superintendent or designees discretion, the use of school facilities or grounds without charge by nonprofit organizations, clubs, or associations organized to promote youth and school activities. Non-profit groups not organized to promote youth and school activities or for-profit groups that request the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act, shall be charged at least direct costs.~~

~~Groups shall be charged according to the current Facility Use Rates 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)~~

Additionally, when any use of school facilities or grounds is for religious services, the district shall charge an amount at least equal to the district's direct costs. (Education Code 38134)

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of each, or each type of, school facility or grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall calculate, in accordance with 5 CCR 14038, the community's proportionate share of the following costs: (Education Code 38134; 5 CCR 14038-14041)

1. Capital direct costs calculated in accordance with 5 CCR 14039, including the estimated costs of maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of non-classroom space school facilities or grounds

However, capital direct costs shall not be charged to organizations retained by the district or school to provide instruction or instructional activities to students during school hours or for classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after-school, tutoring, and child care programs. (5 CCR 14037)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

2. Operational direct costs calculated in accordance with 5 CCR 14040, including estimated costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of district employees and/or contracted workers, and salaries and benefits paid to district employees directly associated with the administration of the Civic Center Act to operate and maintain school facilities and grounds

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)

Expending Funds Collected as Capital Direct Costs

Any funds collected as capital direct costs shall be deposited into a special fund to be used only for capital maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of school facilities and grounds.

(5 CCR 14042)

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

1800 Definitions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14037-14042 Proportionate direct costs for use of school facilities and grounds

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7905 Equal access to public school facilities

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

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

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WEB SITES

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