

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education is entrusted with safekeeping of the public school buildings and grounds and is responsible for regulating the proper use, safeguarding, and maintenance of such property.

The Board recognizes that the primary purpose of the school facilities and equipment is to implement the regular instructional program and that school-sponsored groups should have preference over non-school groups in the use of school facilities and equipment. The Board further recognizes that there are costs involved in non-school use of facilities and equipment and that charges should be made so that tax money is not used in support of non-school activities.

Authorization to use school facilities is not an endorsement by the school district of any activity conducted by the entity so authorized and shall be represented as such by the sponsor of the activity.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to permit the use of school facilities for any purpose which the Board determines in its discretion tends to interfere with the public schools or which would not harmonize with the school's program of education, character building, development of unprejudiced social attitudes, or the preparation of children for intelligent and responsible citizenship.

Use of school facilities and equipment by commercial organizations is limited to groups headquartered within the geographical boundaries of the Huber Heights City School District and whose purpose for use of the school facilities is determined by the Board to be a worthwhile educational, civic, or charitable purpose for the community.

All groups leasing any school facilities shall furnish their own liability insurance in an amount of coverage as determined by the Board and shall provide appropriate coverage as determined by the Superintendent. Proof of liability insurance is required at the time application for use of school facilities is submitted. The lessee further agrees that it shall indemnify and save the school district and its employees harmless from every kind of claim, demand, suit, or action, arising either directly or indirectly out of the use of the premises.

The organization leasing the facilities and/or equipment shall be responsible for defending any litigation filed against the school district or its employees for any injuries or other claims resulting either directly or indirectly from its use of the schools and shall be responsible for payment of all costs related to such litigation including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Non-school sponsored groups will be required to provide a security deposit in an amount determined by the Superintendent at the time their application is approved to assure payment of fees, supervision, damages and other services. The Superintendent or his designee shall have sole authority in determining the cost of repairs or replacement for damages caused by the lessee or those attending the lessee's function on school property.

The Superintendent, or his designee, shall have authority to cancel the use of any facility or playing field when in the Superintendent's opinion such action is necessary to maintain the proper care of school property.

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Organizations using the facilities must be non-exclusive, and all activities must be open to the public. All admission charges for events are subject to prior approval by the Superintendent.

Use of school facilities for church purposes must be approved by the Board and will be considered only under the following conditions:

1. The church must be of a recognized faith and/or denomination.
2. The church group must have ground purchased, plans completed, and contracts let for the erection of a church building within Huber Heights City School District.
3. The use of a school for church purposes will be approved only for six months, after which a renewal must be made if the church building is not completed. Only one six-month extension will be approved.
4. The charges for church use of a school will be the regular fees for the use of buildings.
5. Church use will be limited to one morning per weekend only.

The Superintendent and/or the Board will establish additional regulations as deemed necessary to regulate the establishment of fees and the use of school facilities and equipment by non-school groups.

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