

## USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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Community groups within the Mead School District shall be permitted to use school facilities including playground fields, for worthwhile purposes when such use will not interfere with the school program. In order to carry out this service to the best interest of the whole community, organizations seeking the use of school facilities for cultural, civic and recreational purposes will be classified as follows:

### **Group I - School or Chartered Youth Groups or other Governmental Agencies**

This group includes organizations whose main purpose is to promote school affiliated activities, chartered youth groups and governmental groups, including such groups as School Activities, PTO events, Booster Clubs, Scouts, 4-H Clubs, polling places, governmental groups, etc.

### **Group II - Non-Profit Youth Groups**

This group includes non-profit youth groups whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of the children of the community. These are social, recreational and athletic groups. Preference given to groups with majority participation from students residing within Mead School District boundaries. These groups include Youth Club Sports such as AAU, SYSA, YMCA, religious youth groups, etc.

When facilities are used on non-school days or holidays the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs. Therefore, a fixed hourly rate to be determined by the Board of Directors shall be charged in advance of the event.

*A portion of the rental rate charges* may be waived by the building principal when a service club or other non-profit group is raising funds for charitable purposes.

### **Youth Athletes or Other Youth Activity Use Requirements**

Organizations wishing to use district facilities to operate a youth program where there is any reasonable risk that participants might suffer head injury or concussion are required (House Bill 1824) in accordance with RCW 28.A600 and RCW 4.24.660 to meet certain requirements before use of district facilities will be authorized, as defined in Board Policy 3412, Head Injury.

The Board of Directors shall not permit the use of Mead School District facilities by any organization that operates a youth program unless the following condition are met:

1. Where there is any reasonable risk that participants in the youth program might suffer head injury or concussion the youth organization must provide, in writing, proof of bodily injury and/or death insurance, provided by a company authorized to do business in the state of Washington, in the coverage amounts required by law.

2. The youth organization shall provide a signed statement of compliance acknowledging that the youth organization, coaches, volunteers and youth athletes and parent/guardians have reviewed and fully understand the risks of head injuries and concussions.
3. All youth organization coaches, volunteers and participants of all activities covered by this policy shall comply with all provisions of RCW 28.A600 and RCW 4.24.660 and the guidelines, policies and requirements declared by WIAA for the management of head injuries and concussions.

The Executive Director of Student Services shall compile a list of activities that must comply with the provisions of this policy each school year.

All community athletic programs using district facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender in the operation, conduct, or administration of their program for either youth or adults.

### **Group III - Non-Profit Community Groups**

This group includes non-profit organizations that serve the community in a general and civic nature and whose chief reason for existence is the betterment of the adult, the community and the State. Community clubs, service clubs, adult athletics and churches fall into this category.

Nonprofit groups that, in most communities, have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use district facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this fixed hourly rental rate, but for no more than two years and may not average more than nine hours of use per week.

Use of district facilities by religious groups shall be limited to times when students are not present as part of the regular school program and shall otherwise be clearly separate from school-sponsored or school-related activities so that the district does not support, or appear to support, the practice of religion.

When facilities are used outside of regular school hours the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs. Therefore, a fixed hourly rate to be determined by the Board of Directors shall be charged in advance of the event. Fees will not be charged for use of district facilities for public service activities that provide a benefit to the district and community, such as public polling.

*A portion of the rental rate charges* may be waived by the building principal when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes.

### **Group IV - Commercial or For-Profit Organizations**

This group includes business or other organizations that desire to use district facilities for a profit.

Commercial enterprises include profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the district would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented for non-regular use at a fixed hourly rate, to be determined by the Board of Directors, and shall be charged in advance of the event.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in the 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.

The above classifications shall constitute the order of priority in granting use permits.

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