

**SCHOOL / COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to the community for educational, civic, cultural, and other uses consistent with the public interest, when such use will not interfere with the school program or school-sponsored activities. As required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, the District shall provide an equal right of access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated patriotic youth groups. Sexually oriented performances are not permitted on District property.

The District requires that the use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons using school facilities must always abide by the District conduct rules.

The Superintendent will develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent or designee's approval and is subject to the adopted procedures.

Organizations or individuals wishing to use school facilities must complete a *Rental of School Facilities Use Request* form in advance of the event, pay any fees and associated costs, and provide proof of insurance if applicable.

District administration will approve and schedule the use of school facilities. A master calendar will be maintained to avoid conflicts during the school year.

When the request is approved by District administration a contract will be created and sent to the originator. The completed and signed contract must be returned to the Business Office before access to the requested facility is granted.

Cross Reference;

Legal Reference: § 20-7-805, MCA Recreational use of school facilities secondary Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141  
20 USC § 7905 Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act  
House Bill 359 Prohibiting Sexually Oriented Performances on Public Property

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