

8:20 Community Use of School Facilities

While local taxing bodies share facilities and create partnerships with District 88 that benefit the communities, the separation of facilities and programs between District 88 and other agencies is desirable. The use of school property is available as stated in the rental agreement and may become available through approved inter-governmental agreements.

Playgrounds, athletic fields, buildings or parts thereof owned by School District 88 are designed, maintained and operated for regular school service. When not in use for such service, it shall be the policy of the Board to make the physical facilities of the schools available for community service insofar as such service shall not interfere with the school program or be detrimental to the school properties.

Community service, as used in this article, shall mean meetings and entertainment open to the public; meetings of outside groups that are not under the control of school officers. The purpose and conduct of such meetings must not be inconsistent with the purposes of public education nor be detrimental to school properties.

The use of school buildings and other facilities by any organization operated for private gain or any purpose involving private gain shall be permitted if:

1. Such use is sponsored by some local community organization which is not operated for private gain; and/or
2. An educational, civic or charitable purpose will be served.

Privately sponsored instructional programs or schools shall not use District facilities.

A fee shall be charged for the use of school facilities pursuant to published regulations.

The Superintendent may grant the use of appropriate facilities, without rental charge, to organizations closely related to school activities. Organizations presently included in this category are the District 88 parent-teacher organizations, Booster Clubs, etc.

The Superintendent may approve limited modification of the adopted rental charges for high school facilities when requested by cooperating elementary school districts that are a part of the District 88 attendance area. Such modification would be considered primarily for those elementary school programs or activities that stem from the basic curricular work of the school. Elementary schools that propose use of high school facilities for activities which have fund raising as a primary objective would be expected to pay the regular rental charges as stipulated in the rental schedule.

School buildings and other facilities shall be made available for use of community groups on Sundays only when such use is in the interest of District residents.

The Principal of each school has the responsibility for complete supervision of the building and facilities requested and used by any non-school group/organization.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7905.
10 ILCS 5/19-2.2.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.40, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.
Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001).

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).

Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

CROSS REF.: 7:330 (Student Use of Building - Equal Access), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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