

## USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

School facilities primarily serve the educational needs of the students of Tahoma School District No. 409. The board of directors recognizes, however, that the facilities are suitable for other occasional, worthwhile community uses. Although the board encourages community use of facilities, the board recognizes its fiscal responsibilities; therefore, the district will charge reasonable fees to recover costs incurred through community use. This policy and its procedures provide direction for occasional use of school district facilities by the community. Occasional use is defined as use not otherwise controlled by separate contractual arrangements for lease or rental of facilities.

Such community activities which are consistent with the educational purposes of the district are permitted so long as they do not conflict with school programs and regular maintenance. Since formal education of the youth of this community is the prime mission of the public schools, the superintendent shall create categories of users which reflect the relative position of users to the primary mission of the schools.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, national origin, race, color, religion, economic status, or handicapping condition in the conduct or administration of their programs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using district facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by Tahoma School District Policy 3422 and 3422P, RCW 28A.600, and HB 1824.

Organizations and individuals seeking the use of district facilities are divided into the following categories:

**Tahoma School District sponsored users.** District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, community education, and extended daycare retain first priority in the use of facilities.

**Group 1: Non-district sponsored, non-profit users** whose activities directly support or supplement the district's educational program.

**Group 2: Non-district sponsored, non-profit users whose activities do not directly support or supplement the district's educational program.**

**Group 3: Non-district sponsored, profit-seeking users.**

Groups, which exist primarily because of the school program, shall not be charged for the use of facilities unless their use requires services, which would result in additional costs for the district. A use fee based upon user classification may be charged to all other facility users. The superintendent/designee shall establish fee schedules, and the board shall review such schedules prior to their implementation.

The superintendent/designee may cancel the use of a district facility if it is determined that persons and/or property might be endangered. A district employee shall be present and directly in charge of any building at the time of its

use. Also, procedure attached to this policy must be accepted and followed by users.

Nothing contained in this policy and its procedures or in the granting of permission to use district facilities constitutes an endorsement, implied or actual, of any organization or any activity.

Activities of religious groups must be clearly separated from school-sponsored or school-related activities so that the district does not support, or appear to support, the practice of religion or any particular religion. Religious worship services or instruction shall not be held in school facilities or on school property during the regular school day or in connection with any school-sponsored or school-related activity.

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Legal Reference:	WA Constitution, Art.1, Sec. 11	Religious Freedom
	WA Constitution, Art.9, Sec. 4	Sectarian Control of Influence Prohibited
	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities
	RCW 28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
	RCW 28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
	RCW28A.600	Students
	AGO 1973 No. 26, Initiative No. 276	School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections
	HB1824	Zach Lystedt Law
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2009	Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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