

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:
NONSCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

GKD
(LOCAL)

GENERAL
CONDITIONS

Public school buildings, grounds, and equipment are financed and maintained for the sole purpose of promoting the education of the enrolled students of the District.

The use of certain school facilities by organizations is permitted for educational, recreational, civic, religious, or social activities when such use does not conflict with school activities. In all circumstances, District facilities may be used by organizations only if the activities:

1. Are outside normal school hours.
2. Are not promoted or encouraged by the District.
3. Do not require the expenditure of public funds.

APPROVAL OF
USE

All school facility use by organizations must be coordinated and approved through the business services department.

The District shall have a custodian or another District employee on duty throughout the time the building or facility is in use.

Approval shall not be granted for any purpose that would, in the opinion of the District, damage school property or to groups that are known to have damaged other rented property in the District, or have been in default of a rental agreement.

[See CNB regarding nonschool use of District vehicles and FNAB regarding student group use of school facilities]

PRIORITIES

Priorities for scheduling the use of school facilities shall be as follows:

1. The regularly scheduled educational program, including instructional activities; meetings, practices, and performances of school-sponsored groups; and staff meetings related to official school business.
2. Meetings and other activities of school-support groups

organized for the sole purpose of supporting the schools or school-sponsored activities [see GE].

3. Meetings and other activities of groups made up primarily of school-aged children.
4. Meetings of employee organizations [see DGA].
5. Meetings and activities of other groups on a first-come, first-served basis.

**RENTAL
AGREEMENT**

The organization seeking to use school facilities shall execute and sign the District's rental agreement as lessee.

Applicants shall clearly and accurately specify in the rental or lease request the sponsoring organization; the purpose of the activity; the number and ages of the expected participants; and the name, address, and phone number of the lessee's designated supervisor or representative.

Any misrepresentation by an organization, abuse of any District property, and/or any breach or default of the rental agreement may result in immediate termination of the rental agreement, including immediately vacating the premises and denial of that organization's request for future use.

FEES FOR USE

Except for school-sponsored groups and school-support groups, users shall be charged a fee for operation, supervision, and clean-up costs at designated facilities. The Superintendent shall publish a schedule of fees for the use of facilities. Rental fees may be adjusted to meet new or existing fee schedules [see GKD(EXHIBIT)].

Facility fees shall not apply when school buildings are used as polling places for public elections, for precinct and county conventions, or for public meetings sponsored by state or local governmental agencies. However, if the election is held on a day when the building is not normally open for business, a charge may be made only for reimbursement for the actual expenses resulting from the use of the building in the election.

Facility fees shall not apply to meetings of employee organizations.

**LIABILITY
INSURANCE**

The user of District facilities shall furnish evidence of liability insurance coverage for the event(s).

Any nonschool-related organization using school facilities shall be required to provide an original certificate of insurance, with the district

named as the certificate holder, indicating a minimum \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability coverage. In addition, the District shall be named as an additional insured on the certificate of this policy.

The insurance carrier must hold a minimum "Secure" rating from the A.M. Best Company. The District reserves the right to determine the acceptability of a carrier regardless of its "Secure" rating.

All groups using school facilities shall be responsible for the cost of damages incurred during their use.

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Organizations using school facilities shall:

1. Be in compliance with the requirements of all applicable federal or state statutes, regulations, and rules prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disabilities, age, or other classification.
2. Conduct their business in an orderly manner.
3. Abide by all laws and District policies, including but not limited to those prohibiting the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms and the use of tobacco products on school property.
4. Make no alteration, temporary or permanent, to school property without prior written consent from the Superintendent.
5. Remove all of the user's property, materials, or other information from school facilities.

LOCATION

For weekend use, generally, an elementary or middle school facility shall be the only school facilities available for ~~church~~ lease, and the lease area shall be limited to the use of the cafetorium or gymnasium area. Grades 9-10 high schools and senior high schools may be used with permission of the Board's designee and the principal.

EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS

The Superintendent may authorize the use of school facilities by civil defense officials in the case of emergencies or disasters.

PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF SIGNS, CARDS, AND POSTERS

Political campaign signs, cards, posters, and other similar material shall not be posted or placed on any District property, including sites designated as polling places.

EXCEPTIONS Any exceptions to this policy or rental fees must be granted by the Board.

DISTRIBUTION OF

MATERIALS TO STUDENTS BY NON-DISTRICT PERSONNEL (INCLUDING PARENTS OR THIRD PARTIES)

For purposes of this policy:

1. "Materials" are defined as writings, items, objects, articles, or other materials.
2. "School hours" are defined as the operational hours for a particular facility when students are receiving educational instruction, participating in or attending extracurricular activities, or otherwise being involved in educational/curricular programming for students.

Without permission in accordance with this policy, materials over which the school does not exercise control, and that are intended for dissemination to students on District property during school hours, shall not be sold, circulated, or distributed on District property during school hours to students by non-District personnel, including parents or third parties, except by persons or groups associated with the school or campus- or District-designated school-support groups, or governmental entities duly formed under the laws of the state of Texas or the United States.

Pursuant to FFF(LOCAL), due to safety and other concerns, the District limits and monitors access of all non-District personnel, including parents and third parties, on District property. As a result, distribution by all non-District personnel, including parents or third parties on District property during school hours is subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions. Accordingly, each school campus principal shall designate an area where materials that have been approved for distribution, as provided below, may be made available or distributed to students on District property during school hours in accordance with the time, place, and manner restrictions developed and approved by the campus principal. The Superintendent shall designate appropriate areas and determine appropriate time, place, and manner restrictions regarding distribution of materials at District buildings other than school campuses.

PRIOR REVIEW

Materials that are intended for distribution by all non-District personnel, including parents or third parties, on District property during school hours to students shall be submitted for prior review according to the following procedures:

1. Materials shall be submitted for review ~~to the campus principal for school campuses or to the Superintendent or designee, for District buildings other than school campuses,~~ at least three

five school days prior to the time requested for dissemination.

2. To be considered for distribution, materials shall include the name of the organization or individual sponsoring the distribution.
3. Using the standards below at LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT, the Superintendent or designee shall approve or reject submitted materials within two days of the time the materials were received. Unless the materials fall within the LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT exemptions set forth below, all such materials shall be approved.
4. The requestor may appeal the decision of the ~~principal~~, Superintendent or designee to the Board in accordance with GF(LOCAL), beginning at the appropriate level. Appropriate law enforcement officials may be called when a person refuses to follow the procedures for submitting materials and fails to leave District property when asked. [See GKA]

LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT Materials shall not be distributed if:

1. The materials are obscene, vulgar, or otherwise inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience.
2. The materials endorse endangering the health or safety of students.
3. The materials advocate violation of school rules and fall within the standard described at LIMITATIONS ON EXPRESSION at FNAA(LEGAL).
4. The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action.
5. The materials include hate literature that scurrilously attacks ethnic, religious, or racial groups, and similar publications aimed at creating hostility and violence if they fall within the standard described at LIMITATIONS ON EXPRESSION at FNAA(LEGAL).
6. There is reasonable cause to believe that the distribution of the materials would result in material and substantial interference with any school educational and/or curricular related activity or blocks or impedes the safe flow of traffic within hallways and

entrances and exits of the school.

[See CPAB regarding use of the District's internal mail system and FNAA regarding distribution of materials by students]

Individuals who distribute materials on District property at any time shall be responsible for cleaning up such materials left on District property.

All individuals subject to this policy are expected to comply with all applicable District policies and all educational/curricular goals when distributing materials on District property during school hours. Copies of applicable District policies are available on the District's Web site, upon request to the campus principal, or upon request to the District's communications department.

Individuals violating any provision of this policy may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, prohibition of further distribution under this policy.

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All non-District personnel, including parents or third parties, may sell, distribute, or circulate writings, items, objects, articles or other materials over which the school does not exercise control and are intended for dissemination to other non-District personnel, including parents or third parties, and not intended for dissemination to students on school campuses, subject to the restrictions outlined in herein and without complying with the prior review procedure set forth above.

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