

## 7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education recognizes that district facilities are valuable community resources and encourages the community to use district facilities on a year-round basis, as long as such use does not interfere with the primary purpose of using school facilities to offer a full educational program for children. Prudent use and management of school facilities outside of the regular school operating schedules, providing that such use does not interfere with the orderly conduct of a thorough and efficient system of education, allows the community to benefit more broadly from the use of its own school property.

The Board further recognizes that unrestricted use of facilities can cause major damage to buildings, fields and courts. Therefore, it reserves the right to prohibit, rescind or change the use of its facilities, without notice to insure that proper care and maintenance can be accomplished. The Board and/or its agents, reserve the right to suspend or prohibit any use of facilities regardless of prior approval for use.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent, or designee, in consultation with the appropriate principal and building and grounds supervisor to receive, review and approve/deny all requests for use of facilities under the stated policies consistent with Regulation 7510. It is also the administrator's responsibility to inform, in writing, the organization requesting the usage of their facility use of the application's approval or denial. The Board of Education reserves the right to deny facilities usage granted by the appointed administrator.

### Requirements for Facilities Use

The Board of Education will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested, in writing, and has been approved by the Superintendent, or designee, for the following uses or groups listed below. When several groups or agencies vie for the use of the same facility, use of facility will be awarded in the following priority order:

1. Uses and groups directly associated or sponsored by to the school and operations of the school district;
2. Departments or agencies of the Winslow Township Municipal Government;
3. Other governmental agencies of the county and/or state;
4. Winslow Township Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, recreational, or educational purposes and churches, in the following priority;
  - A. Nonprofit, charitable
  - B. Nonprofit
  - C. For profit



In the event that the Superintendent deems it advisable, any written application may be submitted to the Board of Education for review and action. The Superintendent or Board of Education may refuse to grant the use of a school building or other facility whenever in their judgment there is good reason why permission should be refused. Neither shall be required to give a reason for such refusal.

The use of school facilities shall not be granted for the general or specific advantage of any commercial or profit making organization, private social functions, or any purpose which is prohibited by law. All functions for which facilities use is granted must be nondiscriminatory in nature. Pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Regulations, the Board of Education prohibits smoking in all district buildings and on school property.

Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance listing the Board of Education as additional insured to the dollar limit prescribed by the procedures by which facilities use is granted. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as an endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group, or organization, nor the purpose they represent.

Use of school equipment used in conjunction with the use of school facilities must specifically be included in the written request for facilities usage, and said use may be granted by the procedures by which permission to use facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept full liability for any damages to or loss of such equipment that occurs while it is in use. Where specific rules or regulations so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified or certified operator. Use of district equipment on the premises by non-school personnel is limited to the equipment that is an integral part of the facility being used (e.g. basketball baskets in the gym, stage lights on the stage). No district equipment may be removed from the school premises for use by any non-district personnel. The Board of Education shall require that all users of school facilities comply with all policies and regulations of this Board and the rules and regulations of the district.

### Fee Schedule

It is the intent of the Board of Education to provide a differentiated pattern of facilities use fees depending on the nature and purpose of the individuals and/or organizations for whom school facilities use is granted. The addition of a proctor fee is required for use of Middle and High School facilities and fees for Police coverage may pertain. Fees will also be incurred when use of facilities occurs during extended hours, i.e. times when the school facility would not be occupied (including weekdays and weekend hours when the Board of Education incurs and expense).



# POLICY

Exempted (no fees for regular hours only); Fees for extended hours:

- Winslow Township Community Municipal agencies
- Winslow Township Community, Charitable, Civic, Recreational, or Educational Organizations
- Winslow Township School District staff, students and/or PTO's, HSA's, or PTA's
- County, State, and Federal Governmental entities; school districts involved in a formal send/receive relationship with the Winslow Township Board of Education

Fees for both regular and extended hours:

- Any other groups, agencies, and/or organizations not listed above including Churches.

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