USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but shall be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes.

The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, **safety requirements,** restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization. For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into three categories:

School or Child-related Groups or Other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of boys and girls or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTO, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. When facilities are used outside of regular school hours, or the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, to be established by the superintendent, shall be charged to recoup those costs.

Nonprofit Groups includes those organizations which might wish to use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, entertainment, college courses, or other activities for which public halls or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The district shall charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred, except that such excess charges may be waived when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes. To be granted this exception, the charitable organization must be recognized by the Philanthropic Division of the Better Business Bureau. Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fund-raisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities. Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the request of the district. Nonprofit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use district facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate, but for no more than two years and may not average more than twelve hours of use per week.

Commercial Enterprises include profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the district would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented for nonregular use at the prevailing rate charged by commercial facilities in the area.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	RCW 28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of play-grounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
	RCW 28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
	AGO 1973 No. 26, Initiative No. 276	School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections

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Use of School Facilities

Application for use of school facilities shall be made to the facilities coordinator.

Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that the fund raiser:

A. Is recognized by the Philanthropic Division of the Better Business Bureau;

B. Is registered and bonded by the state of Washington; and

C. Will give the charity at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues.

Sponsoring organizations shall provide sufficient, competent adult and/ or special supervision, and the amount of adequate supervision shall be agreed upon at the time the authorization is issued.

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs shall not be permitted in school facilities or on school property at any time. Tobacco use is prohibited in school facilities and on school property.

All applicants for use of school facilities shall hold the district free and without harm from any loss or damage, liability or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way by such use or occupancy of school facilities. Also, in the event that property loss or damage is incurred during such use or occupancy, the amount of damage shall be decided by the superintendent and approved by the board and a bill for damages shall be presented to the group using or occupying the facilities during the time the loss or damage was sustained.

All applicants for use of school facilities shall maintain accident and liability insurance for persons using district facilities under the applicant's sponsorship in an amount not less than $50,000 due to bodily injury or death of one person or at least $100,000 due to bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any incident. If use of the district's facilities is to be ongoing, the applicant shall provide evidence to the district once every thirty days that the insurance remains in effect.

All applicants are required to complete appropriate documentation regarding concussion training if any athletic activities are part of the facility use request.

The superintendent possesses the authority to make the decision on use of school facilities by a group. The group may appeal such decision to the board.

Because of the value of district's playing fields to the community's total recreational opportunity, the fields may be used by all residents. The use must be appropriate and compatible with each play field and its surrounding area. Such use shall not result in destruction, damages, or undue wear or pose a hazard to children or others. Activities which endanger others or cause damage to fields and lawns are restricted. Should damage to fields and lawns occur, the superintendent shall make reasonable effort to obtain restitution for the damage.

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ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE STATEMENT FOR HB 1824, YOUTH SPORTS-HEAD INJURY POLICIES

HB 1824, otherwise known as the Zachery Lystedt Law, was signed into law on May 14, 2009. It requires, as of July 26, 2009, that additional steps be taken regarding concussions in school athletic programs and non-profit athletic groups using school district facilities.

Accordingly, all non-profit youth organizations using school facilities shall:

1. Provide the school with written proof of insurance covering their youth athletes with limits required by the law; and,

2. All coaches, players and parents of youth teams shall have similar training as outlined for school coaches, players and parents (information available at http://www.wiaa.com/) prior to the start of any practice; and,

3. The non-profit youth groups shall submit a statement of compliance with the insurance coverage and required head injury trainings prior to receiving access to school facilities.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

I, _____, as an authorized representative of

_____, as a private non-profit youth sports group, do hereby verify by my signature that we are in full compliance with all criteria as specified above.

_____ _____

Representative's signature Date